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AI key reason for labour income dip, says ILO study

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Inequality is on the rise as the share of labour income has stagnated worldwide and a large share of youth remain out of employment, education, or training, according to the International Labour Organisation's (ILO) 'World Employment and Social Outlook: September 2024 Update', released in Geneva on Wednesday. A major reason for this fall in labour income is artificial intelligence or AI, it said.

The ILO analysed the impact of technological innovations in the last two decades across 36 countries and said that while these innovations have led to persistent jump in labour productivity and output, they can also reduce the labour income share.

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EPFO pensioners to get payments from any bank or branch

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The new system will be launched on January 1, 2025.

The Union Labour Ministry has cleared a proposal for Centralised Pension Payment System (CPPS) for about 78 lakh pensioners under the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995. The new system enables pension disbursement through any bank, any branch across the country.

Union Minister of Labour and Employment, and Chairperson, Central Board of Trustees, Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Mansukh Mandaviya, said the approval of the new payment system was a significant milestone in the modernisation of the EPFO.

"The CPPS would ensure disbursement of pension throughout India without any need for transfer of Pension Payment Orders from one office to another even when the pensioner moves from one location to another, or changes the bank or branch. "This will be a great relief to pensioners who move to their hometown after retirement," the Labour Ministry said.

This facility will be launched as part of EPFO's ongoing IT modernisation project Centralised IT Enabled System (CITES 2.01) from January 1, 2025.

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PM takes aim at China, says India not for 'expansionism'

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

India supports "development, not expansionism", Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in Brunei on Wednesday, in a series of remarks that seemed to target Chinese moves in the South China Sea and Indo-Pacific region.

He was speaking at a banquet hosted by Brunei Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah in the tiny nation's capital, Bandar Seri Begawan.

Mr. Modi's comments followed bilateral talks between India and Brunei, and the signing of a renewed cooperation agreement on space cooperation, with Brunei continuing to host the Indian Space Research Organisation's Telemetry Tracking and Command station.

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6 dead in landslides in Nagaland; crucial national highway hit

Four injured; search and rescue operations under way; road network affected; people resort to panic buying of essential items in Kohima

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

Six people died and four others were injured in a series of landslides, triggered by incessant rainfall, along the crucial National Highway 29 in Nagaland on Tuesday night.

Much of the damage was in the Pherima and Pagla Pahar areas in the Chumoukedima district.

Landslides and mudslides at other locations either blocked or washed away portions of the highway, snapping road communications between Dimapur, Nagaland's commercial hub on the border with Assam, and the State capital Kohima.

The highway is a lifeline for Manipur, apart from Nagaland.

An official of the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority said two of the six deceased were travellers, one was a shopkeeper, and one was a worker at a roadside eatery.

"The details of two others are being ascertained. Search and recovery operations are ongoing," he said.

Washed away: A portion of NH-29 damaged in a landslide in Chumoukedima district of Nagaland on Wednesday. PTI

'No shortage'

Reports from Kohima, about 70 km from Dimapur, said people had resorted to panic buying of fuel and essential commodities after news spread about the landslides and the road obstruction. In an advisory, Kohima Deputy Commissioner Kumar Ramnikant urged people to refrain from panic buying as there is no shortage of fuel and essential goods in the State capital.

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Order on severing ties with SBI, PNB withdrawn

BENGALURU
In a major victory for the Karnataka government, the State Bank of India (SBI) and Punjab National Bank (PNB) have repaid ₹22.67 crore of embezzled money, along with a year's interest, according to sources in the State Secretariat. Following repayment of the amount, the government has decided to withdraw its earlier circular, severing ties with both banks, sources said. » Page 9

Gauri case trial may continue in regular court

BENGALURU
Even though a Special Fast Track Court to try the murder cases of editor-activist Gauri Lankesh and scholar M.M. Kalburgi has not been constituted over eight months after the Chief Minister ordered officials to begin the process, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) is likely to go ahead with the trial at the regular courts where it is on from 2022.

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Sky is the limit

In tandem: Indian Air Force's Suryakiran Aerobatic Team performs during Phase 2 of the Exercise Tarang Shakti 24, at the Air Force station in Jodhpur on Wednesday. MINISTRY OF DEFENCE/ANI

Kannada film industry seeks committee to probe sexual harassment faced by women

Vivek M.V.
BENGALURU

Two weeks after the K. Hema Committee report sent shockwaves across several Indian film industries, artists from the Kannada film industry have responded to the ongoing issue. After actor Sruthi Hariharan demanded a panel in the Kannada film industry on the lines of the Hema Committee, members of Film Industry For Rights and Equality (FIRE) have asked the State government to constitute a panel headed by a retired judge to study and report on issues faced by women, including sexual harassment, in the industry.

Kavitha Lankesh

FIRE was formed during the #MeToo wave in 2018 when Sruthi accused actor Arjun Sarja of sexual harassment. A not-for-profit organisation under the Societies Act to tackle sexual harassment and casting couch in the industry, FIRE is led by filmmaker Kavita Lankesh. Actor Chetan Ahimsa serves as the secretary.

On Wednesday, FIRE submitted a letter to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, demanding "comprehensive measures needed to create a safe and equitable working environment for all women in the industry".

The 153 signatories to the petition include prominent names of the film fraternity, including actors Sudeep, Ramya, Kishore, Vinay Rajkumar, Sruthi Hariharan, Shraddha Srinath, Pooja Gandhi, Aindrita Ray, Diganth Manchale, Chaitra J. Achar, and Samyukta Hegde.

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Chargesheet filed against Darshan, Pavithra, 15 others

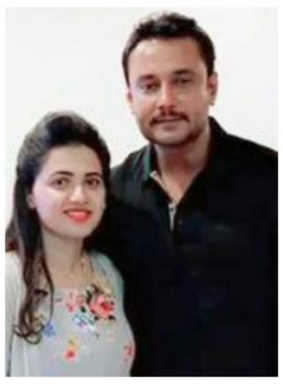
The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Nearly three months after Renukaswamy, a salesman at a pharmacy chain in Chitradurga, was found dead in Bengaluru and actor Darshan, his partner Pavithra Gowda, and 15 others were arrested for his murder, Bengaluru city police filed a chargesheet in the case on Wednesday.

The seven-volume chargesheet of 3,991 pages includes eight forensic reports from the Forensic Science Laboratory, Madiwala, and the Central Forensic Science Laboratory, Hyderabad.

Eyewitness accounts

The chargesheet includes three eyewitness accounts. Out of 97 independent witnesses, 27 have already recorded their statements in front of a magistrate under


Pavithra Gowda and Darshan

Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. Including *mahazar* witnesses and police officials, the chargesheet lists a total of 231 witnesses. The accused have been charged with murder, abduction, criminal conspiracy, and destruction of evidence.

Renukaswamy's body was found near a stormwater drain at Sumanahalli here on June 9. Even as the Kamakshipalya police were groping in the dark to establish the identity of the victim, four youths surrendered before them on June 10 evening, claiming to have killed the man over a financial dispute. However, as their versions did not add up, the police launched a probe into the veracity of the sequence of events and were led to actor Darshan and Pavithra, when the phone calls of those who surrendered were analysed.

The chargesheet alleges that Renukaswamy using the false Instagram ID @goutham_ks_1990 sent lewd messages and photographs to Pavithra and that this was the motive for his abduction, torture, and killing in a premeditated manner.

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Petition in SC to halt India's arms supply to Israel

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Retired diplomats, academicians, public intellectuals and activists have moved the Supreme Court to direct the government to cancel permission given to Indian companies to export arms to Israel during the Gaza conflict.

The petition said the arms supply was in violation of India's obligations under the international law. The petition named companies, including a public sector enterprise under the Ministry of Defence, Munitions India Limited, and other private companies such as Premier Explosives, Adani Defence and Aerospace Ltd., and others.

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Tree branch falls on auto, driver killed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Less than three weeks after the death of an autorickshaw driver due to a tree fall in the city, another driver was killed on Wednesday after a large tree branch fell on his vehicle at Jayanagar.

The deceased has been identified as Kaleem Khan, 60, a resident of Padarayanapura.

He was riding his autorickshaw on 16th Main Road in Jayanagar 4th Block on Wednesday at 8.20 a.m. when the branch of a gulmohar tree fell. As the roof of the autorickshaw gave way, the branch hit Kaleem's head, injuring him.

The tree branch fell on the autorickshaw at Jayanagar in Bengaluru on Wednesday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Though he was rushed to a nearby hospital and from there to NIMHANS, he succumbed to his injuries later in the day.

The branch fell even though there was no rain or wind. A senior forest official in BBMP said the tree was abnormally tall, probably competing with high-rise buildings for light. The branch that fell was thin and weak, the official said. He also said that they had observed many branches of tall gulmohar trees falling this season.

Compensation

The civic body has announced compensation of ₹5 lakh to the next of kin of the deceased.

With Wednesday's incident, a total of seven persons have been injured and two persons, both auto drivers, were killed in tree-fall and branch-fall cases in the city this monsoon.

On August 16, a 49-year-old auto driver, Shivarudraiah, succumbed to head injury after a tree fell on the vehicle at Vijayanagar. On Sunday, a couple in a car was injured when a tree trunk fell on two cars on Central Street. In all the three incidents, trees and branches fell on vehicles when there was neither rain nor wind.

It's been a valuable experience in Ultimate Table Tennis

When I played against Jaipur Patriots' Nithyashree, I truly didn't know how the ball was going to spin; I learnt it only during the games, during the match

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INTERVIEW

LILY ZHANG

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

The points format in the Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) league has added that extra bit of unpredictability and pressure on the favourites as well as the underdogs. There have been innovations that have made the league exciting for both teams and fans: best-of-three games in the 11-point system, golden point at 10-10, and if a singles paddler or a mixed doubles pair pockets one game in the best of three duel, it will be not considered an outright defeat. The points gained will determine which teams make it to the knock-outs.

Given that scenario, what Lily Zhang has done for Bengaluru Smashers is extraordinary. The 28-year-old American, world-ranked 28th, has won all her five matches, barring one (she won 2-1 against Poymantee Baisya of Chennai Lions), by 3-0 margins. Born to Chinese parents, Bob Zhang and Linda Liu, in California where she learnt the basics, she has represented USA in four Olympics (2012 London to 2024 Paris). Excerpts:

Four Olympics and you are only 28...

I haven't thought too much about the 2028 Olympics. It is still four years away. Right now, I am trying to take a breather, trying to be in the moment.

You have played in UTT for two seasons. What has changed and what has remained constant?

I think a lot has changed in terms of level of competition, which I believe has grown. You see so many good players who have established and gone to become superstars on the international stage. My team has Manika, who has been amazing, and Jeet (Chandra), an up-and-coming paddler. I think what has remained constant is the love and the way UTT has been organised. It's the people in the league, their warmth that has been really good. Some of my best times have been in UTT. That's one of the reasons why I chose to come back. It's been absolutely incredible. I am having, and had a great time, with my teammates both with U Mumba and Smashers. The manager and physio have been so supportive. Whatever you need is given. More than that, there are people who lend an ear when you are feeling down.

How is to compete with different players from different countries who play with different style and employ different rubbers?

You learn so much from just training with them and watching them play. When Manika Batra plays, it is really inspiring to see how she handles crucial moments, how she kind of 'self talks'... I've learnt so much from my team and the others too. To meet players with different rubbers has been really amazing as I don't get to even train that way. I don't get to play against such players regularly even at the international level.

In the international arena, aren't there many paddlers using different rubbers?

In the international tournaments, I don't play against such variety of players. Here, I played against Poymantee, S. Yashini, Nithyashree Mani, Krittwika Sinha Roy, and Orawan Paranang. Every other opponent has different rubbers. It is either anti-spin, long pimples or short pimples rubber. When I played against Jaipur Patriots' Nithyashree, it was so different. I truly didn't know how the ball was going to spin. I learnt it during the games, during the match. It has been a valuable experience so far.

You won a bronze in the 2016 Nanjing Youth Olympics. But the bigger medal came at the 2021 World mixed doubles championships when you bagged a bronze. How big was that?

We came to know that we (Lin Gaoyuan of China and I) were going to play with each other only the previous night. It was a last-minute decision. But to play and win a medal is a dream come true moment for me. And more so, it was the first time in 62 years that USA has won a medal in world championships after Dick Miles won in 1959 in singles. It is such an honour to win a medal for USA.

How was it playing with Lin?

We weren't prepared one bit. We kind of got used to the doubles chemistry only during the match. For sure, we weren't hoping to win a medal.

Your co-player and Olympian Kanak Jha has said that it is very difficult to get sponsorships in USA. How is the TT culture in your country given that you have started the Major League TT?

I think it's been growing since when the time I started. Still, it's tough because it is a niche sport, given that our country is high on basketball, football and baseball. It is difficult, for sure, to make a living in USA playing TT. You have to play in leagues abroad to sustain yourself. I would like to believe that we are slowly growing. Now that we have got our own league (Major League TT) . We hosted our first season and I played for Bay Area Blasters. It was great that someone took the first step which was necessary.

Where do you train in USA?

There are several private clubs where they hire coaches from China and India. There are quite a few local American coaches. I train in Freemont (California). I haven't had a personal coach for nearly eight years now. It is just because it is extremely expensive to get a coach from overseas. I have no one guiding me at the moment.

How important it is to have a coach for a player of your rankings?

It is so important to have a coach for one to reach a certain level. It is absolutely essential to have a coach watching you and guiding you. I would love to have more funding so that I can hire coaches.

You have done your graduation in psychology. Will you consider playing at the highest level or will you chose to work or study further?

I am taking psychology classes at Berkley. Right now, I am re-evaluating whether to go back to school or try work in Marketing or whether to pursue TT. My next tournament is China Smash in Beijing (Sept. 26 to Oct. 6). I am very happy this season. With Paris Olympics, everything peaked. I have no regrets. It's been tiring, but I think I performed to the best of my abilities.

Are you looking to break into the world's top 20 and what are your short-term ambitions?

Nothing much. I am not looking at anything. I don't like talking about ranking and results. I am trying to look at how well I feel on the table and whether I am performing to my own satisfaction. I want to just enjoy my game.

Having born to Chinese parents, do you think table tennis comes naturally to you?

I don't know (laughs). But I was born and raised in USA. My parents moved to America in the late 80s or early 90s, I think. It was my parents who introduced the sport to me. We used to have a dining table that acted as a table tennis. It was more of a fun. I enjoyed so much that it became a passion for me. Lots of Chinese-origin players have moved out of China as the quality and quantity of good players is huge. It is insanely difficult to reach the top in China.

NIMHANS to launch Suicide Prevention Centre on Sept. 10

The centre will be dedicated to building, strengthening, and sustaining research and training capacities in the field of self-harm and suicide prevention in India

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

Aimed at addressing the escalating issue of suicide and self-harm in India, a public health challenge that has long demanded urgent and comprehensive intervention, NIMHANS is all set to launch a Suicide Prevention Centre.

To be launched on World Suicide Prevention Day that is observed on September 10, the centre will develop and implement an integrated programme to improve the capacity for mental health assessments and care planning for self-harm patients in general hospitals.

Anish V. Cherian, additional professor of psychiatric social work and Lead of the Suicide Prevention Centre at NIMHANS, told *The Hindu* on Wednesday that suicide remains a leading cause of death in India, with self-harm incidents frequently presenting in State-run hospitals.

An ongoing project involves assessment and intervention to reduce suicide intent and future attempts among survivors. FILE PHOTO

Urban Self-HArm Study

Since 2022, NIMHANS in collaboration with Karnataka's Health Department has been able to counsel and save the lives of over 7,201 persons who reported repeated suicide attempts or self-harm in five general hospitals in Bengaluru and one each in Mysuru and Chamarajnagar under a project titled 'Urban Self-HArm Study' (USHAS), he said.

This ongoing project involves assessment and intervention to reduce suicide intent and future attempts among survivors of such attempts. From August 2022, when the project was initiated, till July 2024, as many as 7,201 individuals, including 3,027 females, 376 children, and seven ,transgenders have reported self-harm or previous attempts to end lives at the seven hospitals. Eight more hospitals are set to be added to the project, the doctor revealed.

"Alarmingly, many such cases are discharged without undergoing any mental health assessment, highlighting a critical gap in the healthcare system's ability to address the root causes and provide effective care. The new centre aims to tackle this gap by developing and implementing an integrated programme designed to improve the capacity for mental health assessments and care planning for self-harm patients in general hospitals," he said.

"The centre's objectives are crucial - to increase the rate of mental health assessments among self-harm patients, enhance engagement with mental health services, reduce the repetition of self-harm, and improve the mental health literacy and competencies of healthcare professionals in managing self-harm patients," Dr. Cherian said.

Beyond immediate interventions, the centre is dedicated to building, strengthening, and sustaining research and training capacities in the field of self-harm and suicide prevention in India. "The centre aims to foster equitable partnerships and promote a systems approach to prevention, aligning with regional and national health Imperatives," he said.

"The centre will also pave the way for new research, policy development, and training programs that will shape the future of mental health care in the country. The ultimate goal is to establish a sustainable framework for suicide prevention that can be replicated across different regions and adapted to the needs of various communities," Dr. Cherian said.

The centre, established in partnership with the Institute of Public Health, NIMHANS, and Pravara Institute of Medical Sciences, is supported by grants from the Department of Biotechnology and Wellcome Trust India Alliance.

Teachers open to Artificial Intelligence in classrooms, aware of its challenges too

TEACHERS' DAY

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

It is no secret that Artificial Intelligence (AI) has seeped into every sector and the classroom is no exception. Although teachers and educators initially had reservations about AI in classrooms, they have now become more open to the idea to keep up with changing times.

"There is no other way to progress. Almost all teachers are open to using AI and are incorporating it to enhance the learning process. Integrating AI with teachers' passion and values represents the future of education," said Arnavaz K. Kapadia, faculty for economics at Sophia High School.

Teachers now use AI to generate their PowerPoint presentations and prepare notes for higher class students and to find interactive websites for lower class students. They also use it to assess the skills of students.

"Some of our teachers use AI tools to evaluate the vocabulary of students. We encourage students to use AI to do some academic projects especially if they are in higher classes and they want to take up engineering. Some of our students along with our help have built the beta version of a chatbot, which is now integrated in our website," explained Franklyn Xavier, computer teacher and IT coordinator at St. Joseph's Boys High School.

Teachers argue that with all its pros and cons, AI cannot exist independently without human elements in classrooms. FILE PHOTO

Teachers use AI to generate PowerPoint presentations and prepare notes for higher class students and to look for interactive websites for lower classes

Even with all its advantages, teachers do agree that AI can be a challenge in classrooms. "It is yet another piece of technology that should be monitored. AI is an example of technology threatening to displace human relationships, which could negatively impact student development. Where students used to turn to teachers or their batchmates for support, they now turn to AI," said Jay Langkamp, high school principal, Canadian International School.

After years of experience, most teachers say that they can differentiate the work of AI from that of their students. Most of them rely on indicators like the particular student's general vocabulary, their answers in logical application problems (which would require them to write their own answers) and the space and formatting in digitally submitted assignments to distinguish those written by students themselves and those prepared using AI. They also deploy strong plagiarism tools which can recognise AI in students' work.

Teachers argue that with all its pros and cons, AI cannot exist independently without human elements in classrooms. Sheila Alexander, principal, Greenwood High International School, said: "AI can be used for constructive projects where human interpretation is essential in conceptualisation and decision making."

Man arrested for flashing at student in Cubbon Park

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Close on the heels of women walkers at Cubbon Park raising safety concerns, alert members of the public on Monday caught a 57-year-old man who flashed at and misbehaved with a 20-year-old student at Cubbon park on Monday.

The student had exited the State Central Library when the accused confronted her and flashed at her. Embarrassed, the student started to walk away but the accused followed her and pulled at her clothes and misbehaved with her. She raised an alarm prompting passers-by to catch the accused, before alerting the police control room. The Hoysala patrolling staff took the accused to the station, where the victim filed a complaint.

Based on the complaint, the police arrested the accused identified as Fayaz Pasha from Kanakanagar charging him under Section 74 (assault or criminal force used against a woman with the intent to outrage her modesty) and Section 75 (making sexually coloured remarks) of Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita, 2023.

In a video shared on social media on August 15, a woman had recorded a clipping in which she was talking to a man who was sitting under a tree in Cubbon Park. The post alleged that the man frequently visited places in the park where women sat and flashed at them.

Finance firm staffer held for staging robbery

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Chickballapur police on Wednesday arrested a 29-year-old staff of a private finance company for staging a robbery to pocket ₹19,000 he had collected from company customers.

According to the police, Palani Muniratnam was addicted to online gambling and was caught in a debt trap. He hatched a robbery plan and roped in three friends from his hometown Chittoor promising a share of the money. Palani had shared travel details with his associates, who waited for him and colleague Mallesh to return with the cash bag near Gundlagurki village on August 21.

The accused identified as Palani Chandrashekhar, 29, tiles worker, Hari Rajamani, 31, carpenter, and Ishwar Babu, 24, wall painter, confronted Palani and Mallesh. While Mallesh escaped, the trio robbed the cash bag and sped away.

Palani later filed a complaint with the Chickballapur Rural police station. A team led by Inspector Manjunath M. suspected the role of Palani since he had time to escape but did not. A detailed probe led him to confess to the crime.

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O.S.No. 1173 / 2023
Between:
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And:
Sri. Villa Adi Sekhar ... Defendant
To,
Sri. Villa Adi Sekhar, S/o. V.V.S. Satyanarayana Murthy, aged about 40 years, Working as Data Specialist, Brillio Technologies Private Limited., No. 58, Mini Forest, 1st Main Road, JP Nagar, 3rd Phase, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 087.
NOTICE
Please take notice that the plaintiff filed the above suit i.e., **O.S.No. 1173 / 2023** on the file of the Honourable V Additional Junior Civil Judge, Visakhapatnam for recovery of Home Loan amount borrowed by the defendant and the above matter stands posted to 25-09-2024 for your notice. So you are hereby informed to appear before the Honourable V Additional Junior Civil Judge, at Visakhapatnam on **25-09-2024 at 10.30 am** failing which you will be set exparte and the matter will be decided as per the records.
(By order of the Honourable V Additional Junior Civil Judge at Visakhapatnam)
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NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Notice is hereby given that the Annual AGM General Meeting ("AGM") of the Club is scheduled to be held on Saturday, the 28th September 2024 at 10:35 a.m. to transact the agenda as set out in the Notice calling for the AGM.
Notice dated 26.7.2024 was dispatched to all members by Registered Post /Courier on 29th August 2024
The Club is providing the facility of voting through electronic means ("remote e-voting") in compliance with Sec.108 of the Companies Act 2013 read with Rule 20 of the Companies (Management and Administration) Rules, 2014. The business as set out in the aforesaid Notice will be transacted through electronic voting facility provided by M/s Central Depository Services (India) Limited (CDSL). The Executive Committee has appointed Sri K.M.Subheramaniam, Advocate, as Scrutinizer to oversee the remote e-voting.
The remote e-voting period begins on Wednesday, 25.9.2024 (9.00 a.m.) and ends on Friday, 27.9.2024 (5.00 p.m.). The e-voting module shall be disabled for voting after 5.00 PM on 27.09.2024 During this period, Members whose name appear in the Register of Members as on 8.09.2024 and those who are eligible as per Article-48 only shall be entitled to exercise their vote through e-voting process.
Members who have cast their vote by remote e-voting may attend the Meeting but shall not be allowed to vote again in the meeting. The members attending the meeting who have not already cast their vote by remote e-voting can exercise their right to vote at the meeting. The facility for voting by manual ballot will be made available at the meeting venue.
The notice of the meeting is displayed in the club's website www.cosmopolitanclubchennai.com and the e-voting website of CDSL: www.evotingindia.com. In case of grievances connected with the facility for voting by electronic means may be addressed to Mr. Rakesh Dalvi, Manager, (CDSL) Central Depository Services (India) Limited, A Wing, 25th Floor, Marathon Futurex, Mafatlal Mill Compounds, N M Joshi Marg, Lower Parel (East), Mumbai-400013 or send an email to helpdesk.evoting@cdslindia.com or call on 022-23058738 / 022-23058542/43.
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Date : 05.09.2024 Honorary Secretary

EDUCATION HUB

A Business Initiative

Alliance University (AU) Celebrates National Space Day

On National Space Day, AU organized a series of competitions for students, with participation from 1,700 students across more than 100 schools. The events included a quiz, debate, painting competition, 3D picture contest, and a space model exhibition. The Pro-Chancellor, Mr. Abhay G. Chhebi, emphasized that these competitions aim to spark interest in science and technology among students, helping to develop their scientific attitudes. He noted that engaging in such activities enhances practical knowledge and understanding. Ms. Pallavi Mohapatra, Indian Air Force (Helicopter Pilot Retd.), who has made history as the first woman to live fire the Akash Missile in India, highlighted the importance of practical learning in science, stating that daily use of science makes learning more impactful. She praised AU for celebrating National Space Day to raise awareness about outer space. The Registrar-General, Ms. Surekha Shetty, mentioned that the competitions, targeted at students from grades 8 to 12, aimed to increase awareness about outer space. Winners received cash prizes: ?10,000 for first place, ?8,000 for second, and ?5,000 for third. The program included interactions with scientists and visits to various university departments. Dr. Murthy Remilla, Head of Human Spaceflight Group, The Human Space Program of India, Mission Gaganyaan, ISRO, and the VC of AU, Dr. Priestly Shan, also attended the event.

Christ Junior College - 17th edition of Model United Nations Inauguration Ceremony

Recently Christ Junior College, Bengaluru, proudly unveiled the 17th edition of Model United Nations, a national conference with an illustrious inaugural ceremony that set the stage for a promising year of international diplomacy and student engagement with more than 350 participants from institutions across South India. The theme for this year's conference was "May everyone in the whole world be happy". The event started off with a euphonious invocation song performed by the CJC choir, which beautifully set the tone for the proceedings. The ceremony continued with the dignitaries lighting the ceremonial lamp. Mr. Arulappa. A, Coordinator, CJC MUN 2024, welcomed the gathering with an engaging address that highlighted the significance of the MUN program. This was followed by an inspiring address by Rev. Dr. Fr. Sebastian Mathai, Principal, Christ Junior College, who emphasized the importance of student involvement in global discussions and encouraged participants to embrace the challenge of diplomacy. The chief guest, Mr. Hemant Nimbalkar, IPS, Commissioner of the DIPR, Karnataka, delivered a thought-provoking keynote address. The chief guest eloquently highlighted the profound significance of the United Nations' genesis, emphasizing its role in fostering global cooperation and peace. He inspired the students with a powerful message, urging them to channel continuous, dedicated focus into all their endeavors. The ceremony also included the felicitation of the Executive Board, recognizing their crucial role in facilitating the conference. Mr. Vaishakh Prakash, the Secretary General of the CJCMUN, addressed the audience with an overview of the conference agenda and his vision for the upcoming sessions. The cultural performance by the college's dance team added a vibrant flair celebrating the spirit of unity and collaboration. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Ms. Anu Cyriac, Coordinator, CJC MUN 2024, and the official opening of the conference by Secretary General marking the beginning of what promises to be an enriching and impactful MUN experience for all involved.

GCU Incubation Foundation in association with Next Grids hosted Start-up Sprint at the Garden City University campus.

Start-up Sprint is a mega platform for start-up and investors meet-up, seed funding opportunities, business ideas brainstorming and a stage for boosting the world economy. The event was attended by top entrepreneurs, investors, CEOs of various companies, start-up ventures, bankers, students and others from various walks of life. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Joseph V. G. the Honorary Consulate General of the Republic of Maldives in Bengaluru and Chancellor, GCU said that the GCU Incubation Foundation is open for housing startups, working with established organisations, projects by individuals and many more. He also added that such events boost the spirit of people with ideas as every idea matters and ideas need to be funded. He urged investors to work with GCU. The event witnessed a panel discussion by Mr Arun Kumar, Mr Raghunandan and Mr Sundar Samarth, moderated by Ms Mythili. Mr Hemanth Krishna shared his tech-legal expertise with the delegates and Mr Vivek D S addressed the audience on the hurdles faced by startups. The sessions were followed by a luncheon where startup executives met investors and discussed their plans and ideas.

Kristu Jayanti College Hosts 9th Vidwat Sammilan: Focus on 'Success in Life'

Prof. Ved Prakash, Former Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC), Former Chancellor of KIIT University, Bhubaneswar, and Former Vice-Chancellor of NUEPA, New Delhi, emphasized the three key factors essential for success–lifelong learning, an inspiring dream, and resilience through life's challenges during an interactive session with postgraduate students at KJC, Autonomous, Bengaluru in the 9th edition of Vidwat Sammilan- an interactive session with institution leaders. The program began with an invocation and lighting of the lamp ceremony, followed by a welcome address from Dr. Aloysius Edward J, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and Management, and Director of IQAC. Fr. Dr. Augustine George, Principal, KJC, Autonomous, Dr. Muruganantham A, Coordinator of the Department of Computer Science (PG), and student coordinators Ms. Lekha and Mr. Sebastian were also present. Vidwat Sammilan remains a vital platform for intellectual discourse, fostering meaningful dialogue and collaboration among educators, students, and thought leaders. The event underscored KJC's commitment to nurturing the pursuit of knowledge and success, setting a high standard for future editions.

Did animals develop complex brains to deal with challenging habitats?

Traditionally, complex behaviour has been linked to brain size and the brain-to-body size ratio. But researchers have unearthed new insights. Analysing the brains of lizard species in Puerto Rico, a new study has spotted a link between diverse habitats and brain complexity

Monika Mondal

A green anole trying to intimidate its reflection. RON ARDIS (CC BY-SA 2.0)

"Most people are scared of them. Why would you want to look at something that's scaly and has a creepy crawl?" Levi Storks, assistant professor at the University of Detroit, asked with a chuckle. Yet that's exactly what got him interested in lizards when he was a child. He would catch them, pet them, and spend hours observing them.

Now, as an evolutionary biologist, Dr. Storks studies reptiles like lizards in a bid to bridge a research gap: we don't have a complete picture of how brains and the behaviour of these animals are linked.

Traditionally, complex behaviour has been linked to brain size and the brain-to-body size ratio. But researchers have unearthed new insights that complicate this picture. Analysing the brains of closely related lizard species from the lush green biodiversity of Puerto Rico, for example, Dr. Storks and his team found signs of a relationship between diverse habitats and brain complexity.

In a paper published recently in the journal *Biology Letters*, the researchers wrote, "Cognitive demands are likely higher in more complex habitats, as an animal must coordinate movement along a larger number of potential paths."

Similar lizards, different habitats

Lizards are a broad group of reptiles that includes a large variety of species with diverse characteristics. Anoles are a specific type of lizard known for their distinctive features, including an ability to change skin colour, the presence of a dewlap (a throat fan), and adhesive toe pads to climb vertical surfaces. Anoles are particularly common in the Americas, especially in tropical and subtropical regions.

Puerto Rico is an island in the Caribbean sea. Its forests are a mosaic of diverse ecosystems, including tropical rainforests like the El Yunque (montane cloud forests) meeting dry forests. The island is home to unique flora and fauna, including endangered species, and is very biodiverse.

It was summer both times – in 2019 and 2021 – when Dr. Storks went to Puerto Rico to collect specimens with his team. "There were lizards literally everywhere," he remembers. "That's one of the reasons why people study anoles here," in their rich natural environment.

The team collected 64 anoles belonging to six species but to the same ecomorph class. That is, though these anoles belonged to different species, they essayed the same ecological roles and thus shared many physical traits. Genetic data also revealed these species shared a common ancestor 20-30 million years ago – not a long time in evolutionary history.

The relationship between anoles is important. Among members of other unrelated species, it's hard to know which cause led to which effect when studying brains and behaviours. But the "anoles are very close in terms of a lot of things. This means when comparing their brains, there's a lot of stuff that is similar except the habitat part. And so we can be very certain the habitat is doing something," Dr. Storks said.

The team had collected anoles of the following species: *Anolis evermanni*, *Anolis stratulus*, *Anolis cristatellus*, *Anolis gundlachi*, *Anolis krugi*, and *Anolis pulchellus*.

From a 2014 study conducted by other researchers, the team had data about how complex the anoles' habitat was. Those scientists followed more than 80 anoles of six species for at least 20 minutes and recorded (in drawings) how their movements responded to features in their surroundings. They paid attention to how many options an anole had and which ones it preferred. For example, they observed the number of branches an anole could access, the barriers in the way, and the distance to travel.

Based on the anoles' habitats and behaviours, the team divided the six species into three groups: 'grass bush', 'trunk ground', and 'trunk crown'.

Dr. Storks said a lizard that lives on a tree trunk is kind of navigating a country road. It can just go up and down, side to side. But the lizards that live up in the tree crown must navigate small branches as well, a challenge more like winding through a city. They need to figure out how best to negotiate a network of options to get to their destination.

In this way, different habitats impose different levels of complexity.

Neurons in complex habitats

After the team airlifted the lizards from Puerto Rico to their laboratories in the University of Detroit, team members dissected their brains to analyse differences in their neurological anatomies.

The way the brain processes information depends on many factors, including neuron number, neural plasticity, signal processing speed, synapse density, and diversity of cell types. But of late researchers have preferred analysing the neuron density because it seems to be a good indicator of a brain's processing capacity.

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The team investigated the neuron number in three regions of the anoles' brains: the telencephalon, the cerebellum, and the rest of the brain.

Each of these parts contributes to the brain's complex functions, from basic survival to complex thought processes. In particular, the telencephalon is involved in sensory integration and higher cognition; the cerebellum is responsible for motor coordination and learning; and the rest handles sensory inputs and motor output.

Across the six species, the study found that except in the cerebellum, the number of neurons increased with habitat complexity in the telencephalon and the rest of the brain. The anoles living in the more complex habitats, including in the tree canopy, were found to have a higher density of neurons than the anoles living on tree trunks and among grasses and shrubs.

The findings suggest that differences in neuroanatomy among Puerto Rican anoles, which have similar social structures, diets, and sensory systems, could be the result of differences in their habitats.

Similar studies in other vertebrates like Aegean wall lizards, three-spined sticklebacks, and zebrafish have also found individuals living in more complex habitats performed better at spatial learning tasks. Other studies have reported similar findings at the level of neuroanatomy and cognition.

Brain's role in evolution

Some 320 million years ago, reptiles, mammals, and birds had a common ancestor. Over the course of evolution, that common ancestor developed into organisms that looked, behaved, and functioned spectacularly differently from each other.

"We have all these animals that derive from one kind of brain. It's crazy to think that now we have all these animals that have a very similar brain, but also slightly different," Dr. Storks says. "It's a really powerful organ that is constantly changing."

Many studies discuss brains, specifically the human brain, but not much research has been conducted to find out how brains have evolved over time or how differently brains function in various species.

"Those differences are really interesting, especially when you're thinking about evolution," Dr. Storks said.

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Lee Ha-yeon, a recognised kimchi master, and her apprentices prepare kimchi at the Kimchi Culture Institute in Namyangju, South Korea, on August 21. REUTERS

Climate change threatens South Korea's beloved kimchi

Reuters

South Korea's famous kimchi is falling victim to climate change, with scientists, farmers, and manufacturers saying the quality and quantity of the napa cabbage that is pickled to make the ubiquitous dish is suffering due to rising temperatures.

Napa cabbage thrives in cooler climates and is usually planted in mountainous regions where temperatures during the key growing summer season once rarely rose above 25 Celsius.

Studies show that warmer weather brought about by climate change is now threatening these crops, so much so that South Korea might not be able to grow napa cabbage one day due to the intensifying heat.

"We hope these predictions don't come to pass," plant pathologist and virologist Lee Young-gyu said.

"Cabbage likes to grow in cool climates and adapts to a very narrow band of temperatures," Lee said. "The optimal temperatures are between 18 and 21 Celsius."

In the fields and in kitchens – both commercial and domestic – farmers and kimchi makers are already feeling the change.

Spicy, fermented kimchi is made from other vegetables such as radish, cucumber, and green onion, but the most popular dish remains cabbage-based.

South Korea might soon see the day when it will be unable to grow napa cabbage due to the growing heat. The vegetable prefers lower temperatures in a narrow range

Describing the effect of higher temperatures on the vegetable, Lee Ha-yeon, who holds the designation of Kimchi Master from the Agriculture Ministry, said the heart of the cabbage "goes bad, and the root becomes mushy."

"If this continues, then in the summer time we might have to give up cabbage kimchi," said Lee, whose title reflects her contribution to food culture.

Data from the government statistics agency shows the area of highland cabbage farmed last year was less than half of what it was 20 years ago: 3,995 ha compared to 8,796 ha.

According to the Rural Development Administration, a state farming think tank, climate change scenarios project the farmed area to shrink dramatically in the next 25 years to just 44 ha, with no cabbage grown in the highlands by 2090.

Researchers cite higher temperatures, unpredictable heavy rains, and pests that become more difficult to control in the warmer and longer summers as the cause of the crop shrinkage.

A fungal infection that wilts the plant has also been particularly troublesome for farmers because it only becomes apparent very close to harvest.

Climate change adds to the challenges facing South Korea's kimchi industry, which is already battling lower-priced imports from China, which are mostly served in restaurants.

New customs data showed kimchi imports through the end of July were up 6.9% at $98.5 million this year, almost all of it from China and the highest ever for the period.

So far, the government has relied on climate-controlled storage to prevent price spikes and shortages. Scientists are also racing to develop crop varieties that can grow in warmer climates and that are more resilient to large fluctuations in rainfall and infections.

THE SCIENCE QUIZ

Please send in your answers to science@thehindu.co.in

All answers begin with the letter 'X'

Vasudevan Mukunth

QUESTION 1

What is the term for a transplantation procedure in which cells or organs are transferred between individuals belonging to different species? If the procedure concludes with, say, a human body hosting some cells from a pig, the human is said to be a chimaera.

QUESTION 2

In November 1895, a German scientist discovered a previously unknown form of radiation and called it _____. He named it so to denote its unknown and then-mysterious character. Fill in the blank.

QUESTION 3

If you have one of these, you're biologically female if you also have Swyer syndrome. If you have two of these, you're biologically male if you also have de la Chapelle syndrome. You can also have two of these if you have Klinefelter syndrome. To what am I referring?

QUESTION 4

Plants are called _____ if they have evolved adaptations to survive in conditions with little liquid water. These plants are found in deserts, rainforests (where the weather can also be extremely wet), and near the poles (where water is often frozen). Fill in the blank.

QUESTION 5

This entity belongs to a system invented by the French philosopher René Descartes in the 17th century. It's typically denoted by a horizontal line connected to another, vertical line at a vertex often labelled 'O'. This system is used to represent objects with two degrees of freedom. Name the entity.

Answers to September 3 quiz:

1. Country that switched traffic direction on "Dagen H" – **Ans: Sweden**
2. Asian country that had bidirectional traffic until 1946 – **Ans: China**
3. Former British colony with right-handed traffic today – **Ans: Myanmar**
4. Spaces where traffic is required to be right-handed – **Ans: Water bodies**
5. Overseas UK territory where traffic is right-handed – **Ans: British Indian Ocean Territory**

Visual: **Okinawa**

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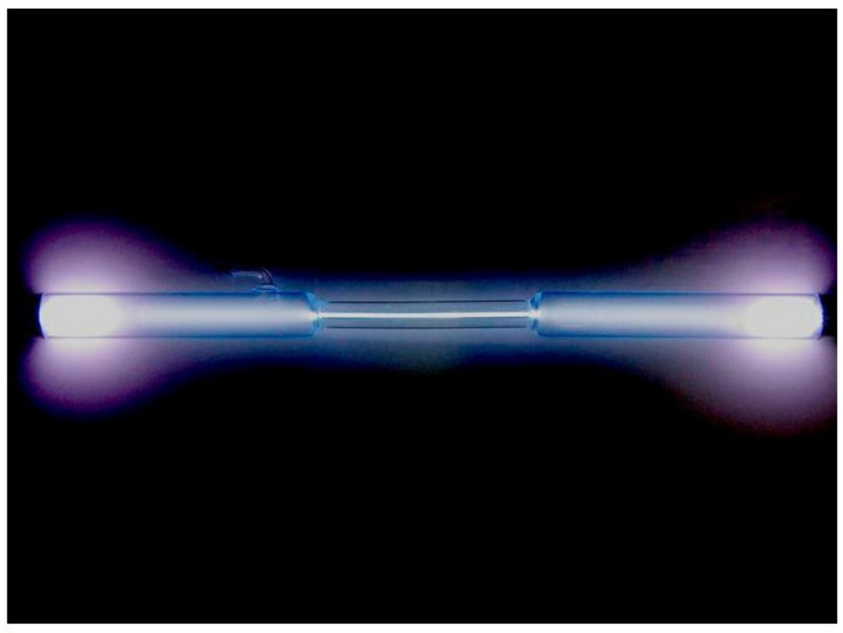

Visual: This gas usually keeps to itself and doesn't react, yet it was also the first of its kind to form a compound. It's been used to pump lasers, as an anaesthetic, and in arc lamps. Here the gas is shown glowing inside a discharge tube. Name it. ALCHEMIST-HP

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Warm wishes on Teachers' Day

Major Achievements of Punjab's Education System

- Teachers were sent to Singapore and Finland for advanced training sessions
- 12,710 teachers were regularized, and their salaries were increased by 2 to 4 times
- 118 new Schools of Eminence established
- Thousands of students have shifted from private schools to government schools
- Large-scale enrollment in govt. universities and schools

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Bhagwant Singh Mann
Chief Minister, Punjab

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THE HINDU

NEWS IN NUMBERS

Number of people rescued during the Gujarat rains

37,000 The rescues were conducted by various agencies including the National Disaster Response Force and the Army. PTI

The PMAY houses to be constructed in rural Chhattisgarh

8 in lakh. According to CM Vishnu Deo Sai, his government has requested the Centre to approve houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) for surrendered Naxalites and people affected by Maoist violence in the State. PTI

The Palestinians killed in the Gaza Strip since October 7

40,861 The toll includes 42 deaths in the last 24 hours, according to ministry figures, which also lists 94,398 people as wounded in the Gaza Strip. AFP

Amount given to the kin of 20 people who died in Andhra floods

5 in ₹ lakh. So far, 20 people have died in the rains and floods which caused damage in several parts of the State, especially Vijayawada. 3,312 kms of roads across Andhra and agricultural crops in 1.69 lakh hectares were damaged. PTI

The number of trees uprooted by a gale in Telangana

50,000 Trees in over about 500 acres in the forests of Mulugu were uprooted following a huge gale. PTI

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What do we know about ANIIDCO?

Why has the qualifications of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation come into question after it got permission to do a ₹72,000 crore mega infrastructure project in Great Nicobar? Does the company have a proper internal environmental governance system?

EXPLAINER

Pankaj Sekhsaria
Rishika Pardikar

The story so far:

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation (ANIIDCO) is the project proponent for the NITI Aayog-promoted ₹72,000 crore mega infrastructure project in Great Nicobar, the southernmost island in the Andaman and Nicobar archipelago. The project entails the construction of a trans-shipment port, a greenfield airport, a tourism and township project and a solar and gas based power plant in Great Nicobar. ANIIDCO which has been granted permission for the mega project is a little known quasi-government agency based in Port Blair.

What do we know about ANIIDCO?

ANIIDCO was incorporated on June 28, 1988 under the Companies Act. Its objective is "to develop and commercially exploit natural resources for the balanced and environment friendly development of the territory." Its main activities, according to its website, include trading of petroleum products, Indian made foreign liquor and milk, managing tourism resorts and infrastructure development for tourism and fisheries. The company's average annual turnover and profit over the last three financial years has been ₹370 crore and ₹35 crore, respectively. The corporation's mandate, history, its structure and capabilities raise serious concerns about the process and possible outcomes of making them responsible for such a high profile, high investment and high risk project as the one in Great Nicobar. The 910 sq km island is not just a biodiversity hotspot but also home to indigenous communities with special rights and is also located in one of the most tectonically active zones.

When the Andaman and Nicobar administration appointed ANIIDCO as project proponent in July 2020, ANIIDCO neither had an environment policy nor an environment cell. It did not even have the human resources needed to oversee, let alone implement and monitor the project it was tasked to implement. It was only in late 2022 more than two years after it was made the project proponent did it start a process for recruiting people with relevant expertise such as urban planners, environmental planners, architects, infrastructure specialists, and legal and financial experts.

Massive change: An aerial view of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. GETTY IMAGES

In May, 2021, the Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) under the Union environment ministry had asked ANIIDCO a number of important questions about its internal environmental governance system. The EAC asked if ANIIDCO had a corporate environment policy approved by its board of directors, an administrative system to ensure compliance with environmental clearance conditions and if there was a prescribed standard operating procedure to deal with environmental and forest violations. ANIIDCO admitted later in August that it did not have an environment policy. The EAC, nevertheless, went ahead and granted environmental clearance to ANIIDCO more than a year later in November 2022.

What are other conflicts of interests?

In 2022, the Mumbai based Conservation Action Trust had filed a petition before the National Green Tribunal challenging the Stage 1 forest clearance granted by the Union Environment Ministry. It had pointed out that at the time forest clearance was granted to ANIIDCO, the corporation's managing director was the same person who was also the Commissioner cum Secretary (Environment and Forests) of the island.

It is clear, the petition noted, that this is "a case of the project proponent certifying itself." Further, it added that the responsibility to assess compliance with the Stage I forest clearance conditions vests with the same authority that has a responsibility to ensure compliance with the conditions. This same pattern was repeated when the Chief Secretary of the islands, who is also the chairman of the board of directors of ANIIDCO, was made a key member of the high powered committee set up by the NGT to look into complaints against the project. ANIIDCO was being allowed to evaluate its own actions again. Numerous persons employed at ANIIDCO in various capacities are currently civil servants with the Andaman and Nicobar administration in charge of environmental and tribal welfare issues. We sent questionnaires to both ANIIDCO and the chairman and secretary of the EAC. None responded.

What have past administrators said?

Lt Gen A.K. Singh, Lieutenant Governor of the islands from 2013-16, said that ANIIDCO would be better suited than any other department or organisation in the A&N administration to handle this mega project, though a project of this dimension would require expert agencies from outside the islands to execute it.

Sanat Kaul, chief secretary of the islands in the early 90s, had critiqued ANIIDCO's tourism operations in a book he wrote in 2015. On the current project, he said "I don't think ANIIDCO can at all manage a ₹72,000 crore project unless its upgraded vastly with much better quality staff. If the idea of the government is to use ANIIDCO because it is an existing company fully owned by the government, it will need a full revamp from what it was when I was there."

Pankaj Sekhsaria is an author/editor with his recent work being The Great Nicobar Betrayal. Rishika Pardikar is a freelance environment reporter.

THE GIST

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Why has H.P. raised the marriageable age for women?

What are the key provisions of the Bill? Why is the assent of the President required? What are the concerns?

Aaratrika Bhaumik

The story so far:

On August 27, the Himachal Pradesh Assembly passed a Bill raising the minimum marriageable age for women from 18 to 21 years. The Prohibition of Child Marriage (Himachal Pradesh Amendment) Bill, 2024, was passed on the first day of the two-week monsoon session. It seeks to amend the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 (2006 Act) to advance gender equality.

Why was the Bill passed?

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu told *The Hindu* that the passage of the Bill clearly demonstrates the Congress government's commitment to advancing the welfare of women. "We are the first State in the country to enact the legislation to increase the marriage age of girls to 21. The Congress has always been at the forefront to work towards the betterment of women," Mr. Sukhu said.

Tabling the Bill in the House, Health, Social Justice, and Empowerment Minister Dhani Ram Shandil highlighted that early marriage obstructs girls' education and limits their potential for progress in life. He noted that the proposed amendments to the 2006 Act aim to reduce instances of early pregnancies and motherhood, which adversely affect women's health.

What are the key provisions?

Currently, Section 2(a) of the 2006 Act defines a "child" as someone "who, if male, has not completed twenty-one years of age, and if female, has not completed eighteen years of age." The Bill removes this distinction, redefining a "child" as "a male or female who has not completed twenty-one years of age."

The Bill also extends the time period for filing a petition to annul a marriage. Under Section 3 of the 2006 Act, an individual who was a minor at the time of marriage can file for annulment within two years of attaining majority – before turning 20 for women and 23 for men. The Bill extends this period to five years, allowing both women and men to file petitions before they turn 23, in accordance with the new minimum marriageable age of 21 years. A new provision has also been introduced to ensure that the Bill's provisions take precedence over all other existing laws.

Is the President's assent necessary?

In this case, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla's assent would typically suffice to enact the Bill into law. However, since the Bill introduces a different minimum marriageable age for women, its provisions will be deemed inconsistent with the 2006 Act – a law enacted by Parliament. This potential conflict brings Article 254 of the Constitution into play. According to clause (1) of this provision, if a State legislature enacts a law on a subject covered by the Concurrent List [Entry 5 of the Concurrent list deals with the subject of marriage and divorce] that is "repugnant" to the provisions of an existing central law, then that repugnant or inconsistent portion of the state law will be considered "void".

To remedy this, the State legislation will have to be reserved for the President's consideration and receive his or her assent in accordance with clause (2) of Article 254. With the President's assent, the State law takes precedence over the central law, but solely within the jurisdiction of that State.

What do experts have to say?

Author and activist Madhu Mera previously told *The Hindu* that raising the minimum marriage age for women to 21 years could upend young lives in a web of criminal prosecutions. "In our research at Partners for Law in Development, we looked at 10 years of use of the child marriage law. Overwhelmingly, the law was used by parents against eloping daughters. It has become a tool for parental control and for punishment of boys or men whom girls choose as their husbands. An increase in age to 21 years would mean persecution of girls right up till 21 years," she said.

The 2008 Law Commission Report recommended setting a uniform age of marriage for both men and women at 18 years. The National Human Rights Commission in 2018 too proposed a similar reform.

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TBM Tunga achieves final breakthrough

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The Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited's (BMRCL) Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM) Tunga achieved a breakthrough on Wednesday after tunnelling 936.6 metres between Kadugondanahalli station and Nagawara station's south cut and cover shaft.

The TBM had begun tunnelling on February 3. "With this breakthrough, out of the total 20,992 metres of tunnelling, 20,582.7 metres (98%) has been completed," said BMRCL officials.

Boring machine Tunga began tunnelling on February 3.

In July, TBM Tunga, which was working on the Pink Line of Namma Metro, had set a new record by tunnelling 308 metres between K.G. Halli and the Nagawara retrieval shaft.

It surpassed the previous record set by TBM Urja, which had completed the tunnelling of 273 metres between Cantonment and Pottery Town in May 2022.

With this breakthrough, out of the nine TBMs that BMRCL had deployed for tunnelling in Bengaluru, eight – Urja, Varada, Avni, Lavi, Vindhya, Vamika, Rudra, and Tunga – have completed their work. Bhadra, the ninth TBM, is tunnelling a distance of 939 metres between K.G. Halli and Nagawara.

BMRCL signs agreement to provide walkway from Pattandur Agrahara metro station to ITPL campus

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An agreement has been signed between Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (BMRCL) and Information Technology Park Ltd. (ITPL) to provide direct access from concourse level of Pattandur Agrahara Metro Station to ITPL premises through a foot overbridge (FOB) walkway for a period of 30 years and contributing ₹10 crore.

First agreement

This is first such agreement on the reach-1 extension from Baiyappanahalli to Whitefield metro corridor.

The construction of the access infrastructure will be carried out by BMRCL and the cost will be borne by ITPL. This will help 50,000 employees of ITPL immediately and about 60,000 employees by 2025 to access their office from the metro station without crossing the road.

Speaking on the occasion, Kalpana Kataria, executive director (C&AM), BMRCL, appreciated the contribution of ITPL to promote sustainable transport and seamless connectivity to its employees and requested other corporates near metro stations to come forward for innovative financing or direct connectivity from metro stations for the convenience of employees.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಮುಖ್ಯ ವೈದ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ
ಉಪ ವಿಭಾಗ ಆಸ್ಪತ್ರೆ, ಗಂಗಾವತಿ–583227 ಜಿ॥ ಕೊಪ್ಪಳ
ದೂರವಾಣಿ :08533–230102 / 230103 e-mail: sdh.gangavathi@gmail.com

SINO:GHGVT/TENDER/2024-25/143 **Date:04/09/2024**

Recalled of Short term e-Procurment Tender

Subject: Recalling of short term e-Procurment tender to Supply food items for diet and Good quality Bread for financial year 2024-25.
Refference: File approval by respected Deputy Commisioner koppal On date: **02/09/2024**
Sub Division Hospital Gangavathi Dist Koppal here by recalling of short term e-Procurment tender For Supply of food items for diet and Good Quality bread Estimated Amount Rs:- **62,19,230.40** for financial year 2024-25. Information is as follows
1) Commencement of e-Tender from website: **05/09/2024**. 2) Last Date for Queries on or before: **10/09/2024** @ 4.00 pm. 3) Last Date for Uploading of Tender in e-procurement platform on or before: **17/09/2024** @ 4.00 pm. 4) Sample Submission Date: **18/09/2024** office timing before 4.30 pm. 5) Opening of Techno-Commercial Bid: **19/09/2024** @ 4.15 PM. 6) https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in : **DHFWS/2024-25/IND0694/CALL-2.**
For more Information contact the following officers in office working hours.
Sd/- Chief Medical Officer
Sub Division Hospital
Gangavathi Dist Koppal
DIPR/Koppal/324/DeshpandePublicity/2024-25

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO. BE-29-2024-25-OT-21-22 (through E-Tendering)
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following works.

SN	Description of work	Approx. value (in Rs.)
1	Electrical Arrangements for **(1)** Improvements of pit lines 1, 2, 3 & 4 in Yesvantpur yard **(2)** Nittur-Sampige Road section: Left over works by construction organization of Tumakuru Arsikere doubling project and (3) Yelahanka- Provision of Platform Shelter at PF - 1, 2/3 & 4/5 Total 1261 sqm **Tender Notice No.**:BE-29-2024-25-OT-21 **Period of Completion 06 Months**	Rs. 93,57,504
2	Zonal contract for electrical works underSSE/P/BNC (BANGALORE CANT.) jurisdiction **Tender Notice No.**:BE-29-2024-25-OT-22 **Period of Completion 12 Months**	Rs. 32,57,966

Last date of submission of bid for tender **Up to : 15.00 Hours on 20.09.2024**
For details log on : www.ireps.gov.in
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/ General Bengaluru
PUB/385/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No: CAO/CN/BNC/24/2024
Dated : 28-08-2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Project Management Services for Construction of New Broad Gauge line including Electrical & Telecommunication work Between Lokapur (Excl.) and Yadwad (Incl.) (21Km) under Bagalkot - Kudachi new line project (142 Km) **(Tender Ref. No. PMS-BGK-KUD-02)**	**Rs. 13,24,71,937/-**

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs on 16-10-2024
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Deputy Chief Engineer / Construction / Works Bengaluru Cantonment
PUB/400/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE No. ECN-TRD-05-2024 Dated 30.08.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Name of Work	Approx. value
Engineering, procurement and Construction (EPC) for Design, Supply, Erection, Testing, Commissioning of 2x25 Kv OHE & PSI System (TSSs, SPs & SSPs) including Electrical General Services, Engineering & Telecommunication works between Rayadurga (excl.) (Ch:205/463) to Pavagada (Incl.) (Ch:106/000) of TK-RDG Section (99.463 RKM/ 114.145 TKM)	₹1,33,92,56,511.01

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 11:00 hrs. on 28.12.2024
For Details Log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer, TRD/Construction, Bengaluru Cantonment
PUB/391/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway-SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,
पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, बोकारो

ई–प्रोक्युरमेंट सूचना
(एस0बी0डी0 आधारित अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा)
ई–निविदा प्रसंग संख्या– RCD/BOKARO/1123/2024-25
दिनांक–03.09.2024

1.	कार्य का नाम	पथ प्रमण्डल, बोकारो अन्तर्गत "NH-23 से राधागॉव रेलवे स्टेशन भाया BPCL LPG Plant & Retail Depot पथ (कुल लम्बाई 7.179 कि0मी0 में से 1.879 कि0मी0) का पुनर्निर्माण कार्य, वर्ष 2023–24.
2.	प्राक्कलित राशि (रूपये में)	12,18,53,800.00 (बारह करोड़ अठारह लाख तिरपन हजार आठ सौ) रूपये मात्र।
3.	कार्य पूर्ण होने की अवधि	06 (छः) माह।
4.	वेबसाईट पर निविदा प्रकाशन होने की तिथि एवं समय	11.09.2024, 12.00 बजे दोपहर।
5.	बिड प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	25.09.2024, 12.00 बजे दोपहर तक।
6.	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले कार्यालय का नाम एवं पता	कार्यपालक अभियंता, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, बोकारो
7.	प्रोक्युरमेंट पदाधिकारी का सम्पर्क संख्या	06542–265569
8.	ई–प्रोक्युरमेंट सेल का हेल्पलाईन संख्या	0651–2400210

नोट :– प्राक्कलित राशि घट बढ़ सकती है।
विस्तृत ब्यौरा के लिए वेबसाईट http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।
कार्यपालक अभियंता,
पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमण्डल, बोकारो।
PR.NO.334699 Road(24-25):D

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the schedule property from **Sri. K.T. RAMACHANDRA @ RAMACHANDRA.** S/o. Late. Sri. Patel Thimmappa, Aged About 64 years, (AADHAR No: xxxx xxxx 4311) **Smt. JAYAMMA. W/O. K.T. Ramachandra,** Aged About 46 years, (AADHAR No: xxxx xxxx 5995), **Sri. HANUMANTHARAJU. S/o. K.T. Ramachandra,** Aged About 33 years (AADHAR No: xxxx xxxx 4778), **Smt.LAKSHMIDEVI.R. D/o. K.T. Ramachandra,** Aged About 33 years (Aadhar No. xxxx xxxx 4267) and **Smt. PARVATHI. R. D/o. K.T. Ramachandra,** Aged About 28 years (Aadhar No. xxxx xxxx 1741), All are residing at Patelru House, Kaniminike village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. Anybody has got any sort of right, claim, interest over the schedule property or having any sort of objection for the said transaction shall approach the under mentioned Advocate within **7 days** from this day with documentary evidence, failing which my client shall proceed further in accordance with the terms of the agreement considering there is no objection to the said sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the vacant property bearing **RE. Sy No. 80/2, Old Sy. No. 80,** and measuring **0-36 guntas out of 3 acres 16 guntas** of land, Situated at **Kaniminike Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,**
AND BOUNDED ON:
East by : Remaining portion of Sy. No. 80/2.
West by : Land bearing Sy. No. 79.
North by : Remaining portion of Sy. No. 80/2.
South by : Land bearing Sy Nos. 80/3 and 80/2.

N.S. SHIVASHANKAR, Advocate
\# 48/1, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross, Opp: Canara Bank, Vallabha Nagar, Uttarahalli Main Road, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-61.
Ph No. 9343094442, 080-41628629

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients, Mr. Ranjan Ghosh S/o Sri. P.B. Ghosh along with his wife **Mrs. Suparna Ghosh** are the joint & absolute owners of the **Apartment No. 2223**, S4, BR Type, 22nd Floor in the project "PRESTIGE WHITE MEADOWS" situated at Whitefield Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore.

Further Mr.Ranjan Ghosh while travelling, had misplaced/lost the said Original Power of Attorney (attested on 12-5-2016) executed by Mrs.Suparna Ghosh in favour of Mr. Ranjan Ghosh for the purpose of purchasing the above-mentioned apartment and to that effect, he has lodged Online police (Bengaluru City) complaint on 22-8-2024 (Lost report No.1205690/2024).

Any finder/or any person having any type of claim may kindly return the above-mentioned Original Power of Attorney or file objections to the undersigned **within 7 days** from the date of notice failing which my clients shall presume that the same is lost and shall proceed on the basis that there are no claims/interest whatsoever from any person/s.

Chethan Kumar N, Advocate,
Tarka Legal, No. 15/1, 3rd Main,
Sadashivanagar, B'lore-80,
Mob: 7829444449.

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e-Procurement Cell
Executive Engineer, National Rural Employment Programme, Ranchi
JHARKHAND, RANCHI

Very Short Term e-Procurement Notice
Tender Reference No.- 28/2024-25

Sl. No	Name of Scheme	Estimated Amount (Lakhs)	Earnest Money (Lakhs)	BoQ Cost	Scheme Completion Date	Tools & Plant
1	माण्डर प्रखण्ड के डी0ए0भी0 स्कूल से गुणा उरॉव के घर तक 4950 फीट पी0सी0सी0 पथ निर्माण	9936400.00	2.00	10,000.00	09 Month	कार्य के अनुरूप
2	चान्हो प्रखण्ड के ग्राम हुटरी में मुख्य रोड से बुची डाडी तक 4620 फीट पी0सी0सी0 पथ एवं 03 आर0सी0सी0 पुलिया निर्माण	9810300.00	2.00	10,000.00	09 Month	कार्य के अनुरूप
3	लापुंग प्रखण्ड के राजकीय कृत +2 हाई स्कूल लापुंग में दो कमरा एवं पेभर ब्लॉक का कार्य; लापुंग प्रखण्ड के इंटरमीडिएट के आंगन में पेवर ब्लॉक निर्माण	11582500.00	2.32	10,000.00	06 Month	कार्य के अनुरूप

3	Date of Publication of Tender on Website	06.09.2024 at 11:00 AM
4	Start Date of Submission of Bids	06.09.2024 at 1:30 PM
5	Last Date/Time of Submission of Bids	13.09.2024 at 11:00 AM
6	Date/Time of opening of Bid	18.09.2024 at 2:00 PM
7	Name & Address of office Inviting tender e-Procurement Cell,	National Rural Employment Programme, Ranchi.
8	Helpline Number of e-procurement Cell	94727-45569

Any change can be seen on Website http:// Jharkhandtenders.gov.in.
Any other information can be seen on http:// Jharkhandtenders.gov.in.
Nodal Officer e-Procurement Cell
Executive Engineer, National Rural Employment Programme, Ranchi
PR.NO.334562 NREP(24-25):D

झारखण्ड सरकार
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर

ई–अल्पकालिन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
ई–अल्पकालिन पुनर्निविदा संख्या:- **04/2024-25/RII/STPKG/RWD/EE/JSR** दिनांक :- **02.09.2024**
कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

क्र. सं.	आईडेन्टीफिकेशन संख्या / पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रूपये में) अंक में	अक्षर में	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि	टेण्डर कॉल संख्या
1.	RWD/EE/JSR / STPKG/02/2024-25	परसुडीह से झंडाचौक तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई–2.000 कि0मी0)	1,20,15,700.00	एक करोड़ बीस लाख पन्द्रह हजार सात सौ रू0 मात्र	15 माह	तृतीय
		एन0एच0–33 पंचायत भवन से पलासबनी तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई–4.890 कि0मी0)	2,93,90,400.00	दो करोड़ तिरानवे लाख नब्बे हजार चार सौ रू0 मात्र		
		गोलकाटा से काशीडीह तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई–1.700 कि0मी0)	99,90,800.00	निन्यानवे लाख नब्बे हजार आठ सौ रू0 मात्र		
		टेलको–हुरलुंग–मनीफीटा तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई–3.000 कि0मी0)	1,77,74,800.00	एक करोड़ सतहत्तर लाख चौहत्तर हजार आठ सौ रू0 मात्र		
		T06 (Railway Station से Bahardori) से Chengra तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई–2.200 कि0मी0)	1,27,29,400.00	एक करोड़ सताईस लाख उन्तीस हजार चार सौ रू0 मात्र		
		कुदादा से छोटा तलसा तक पथ का सुदृढ़ीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई–5.000 कि0मी0)	2,73,09,200.00	दो करोड़ तिहत्तर लाख नौ हजार दो सौ रू0 मात्र		
		कुल	10,92,10,300.00	दस करोड़ बानवे लाख दस हजार तीन सौ रू0 मात्र		

2.वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:– 05.09.2024।
3.ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:– 18.09.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
4.निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रधन की राशि jharkhandtenders.gov.in के माध्यम से ऑनलाइन मोड में स्वीकार की जाएगी।
5.निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :– 19.09.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे ।
6.निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :–कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर, ब्लॉक–करनडीह, थाना–परसुडीह, जमशेदपुर, झारखण्ड, पिन–831002।
7.ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं0– 0657–2298902।
8.विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।
कार्यपालक अभियंता,
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल,जमशेदपुर
PR 334599 (REO)24-25*D

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, रॉंची

अति-अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
पत्रांकः– दिनांक–
अल्पकालीन ई–निविदा संख्या :– 12/2024-25/RWD /EE/RANCHI

क्र0 सं0	आईडेन्टी फिकेशन संख्या / पैकेज संख्या	प्रखण्ड	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रूपये में) अंक में	अक्षर में	कार्य समाप्ति की तिथि / अवधि	टेण्डर कॉल नं0
1	RWD/RANCHI/ 37/2024-25	राहे	डिलगुमारा से चन्दनडीह तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (ल0–1.600 कि0मी0)	1,52,31,200.00	एक करोड़ बावन लाख एकतीस हजार दो सौ रूपये मात्र।	9 माह	प्रथम
2	RWD/RANCHI/ 38/2024-25	अनगड़ा	टाटी पंचायत में मुर्गीडीह से अश्वाबेरा तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (ल0– 2.000 कि0मी0)	2,38,75,200.00	दो करोड़ अड़तीस लाख पच्हत्तर हजार दो सौ रूपये मात्र।	12 माह	प्रथम
3	RWD/RANCHI/ 39/2024-25	अनगड़ा	सीता फॉल मुख्य पथ से डीपाटोली तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (ल0– 1.000 कि0मी0)	1,02,96,000.00	एक करोड़ दो लाख छियानबे हजार रूपये मात्र।	9 माह	प्रथम
4	RWD/RANCHI/ 40/2024-25	सिल्ली	बन्ता बुण्डू पथ से छोटा चौंगडू भाया हजाम तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (ल0–2. 000 कि0मी0)	1,84,29,700.00	एक करोड़ चौरासी लाख उनतीस हजार सात सौ रूपये मात्र।	9 माह	प्रथम
5	RWD/RANCHI/ 41/2024-25	राहे	निश्चितपुर से बसंतपुर भाया पारमपतरा तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (ल0–1.500 कि0मी0)	1,46,94,700.00	एक करोड़ छियालीस लाख चौरानबे हजार सात सौ रूपये मात्र।	9 माह	प्रथम
6	RWD/RANCHI/ 42/2024-25	सिल्ली	लोवादाग से रामपुर बाजार तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (ल0–1.650 कि0मी0)	2,08,66,700.00	दो करोड़ आठ लाख छियासठ हजार सात सौ रूपये मात्र।	12 माह	प्रथम

1. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि:– **05.09.2024**
2. ई–निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय:– **13.09.2024** अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
3. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समयः– **18.09.2024** अपराह्न 3.30 बजे।
4. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पताः– कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, रॉंची।
5. ई–निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं0– 0651–2360137

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाईट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।
कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग
कार्य प्रमण्डल, रॉंची
PR 334682 REO (24-25)_D

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that my client proposes to purchase the property mentioned in the schedule herein from its owner **Dr. Veerendra Vibhu Durgam** Son of Late. Sri. Bsavaraja Durgam, aged about 70 years, Residing at No. 6111, Resuriz Lane, Sugarland ,Texas- 77479 also at #202, Narayan's Capricon, C V Raman Road, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore - 560080, who has represented that he has purchased the Schedule Property from his vendor in terms of the Sale Deed dated 25.03.2004 executed by Smt. Dilkush Begum Sajjad wife of Sri. Sajjad Ahmed, duly represented by her Power of Attorney Holder Abdul Jabbar in his favour, registered as Document No. 6182/2003-2004, registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Gandhinagar.
Persons objecting for the proposed sale or having any right in the said property may lodge his/their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within 10 days from the date of this publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not be binding on my Clients and my Clients will proceed to purchase the Schedule Property as if there are no claims/objections.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of vacant land bearing No. 36, Achaiah Shetty Layout, Rajamahal Vilas Extension, Bengaluru 560 080 measuring East to West by 60 feet and North to South by 45 feet and bounded on the:
East by : Site No. 23; West by : Road
North by : Site No. 37; South by: Site No. 35.
Date: 05.09.2024
S. Vaishnavi **Place: Bengaluru**
Ashwin Kumar. H, Advocates,
No. 46/1, 8th Main Road,Malleshwaram,
Bengaluru – 560056. (M)9535483116.
Email: vaishnavis.adv@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client has agreed to entered Joint Development Agreement the property more fully described in the schedule herein below from Sri. RAMESH B. GOWDA, S/o. Sri. Bomme Gowda, Residing at: No. 325/1, 14th Main, 5th Cross, R.M.V. Extension Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru-560 080, the schedule property having been acquired by Sri.Ramesh B Gowda, for a valuable consideration under a Registered Absolute Sale Deeds dated:07-12-2007, Document No. DBP-1-06281/2007-08, Dated:07-12-2007, Document No. DBP-1-06280/2007-08 and Dated: 07-12-2007, Document No.DBP-1-06276/2007-08, registered in the office of Sub Registrar, Doddaballapura, Bangalore Rural District, succeeded the schedule property.
Any person having any right/claim over the schedule property or any portion thereof in any manner may lodge his/her/their claim/objection in writing to the undersigned within 15 days hereof along with copies of all the documents being relied upon, as otherwise my client will proceed to purchase the schedule properties as if there are no claims/objections from any person/s.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of immovable property being agricultural lands bearing Survey No. 39/2 measuring 1 Acres 0-21 Guntas including 2 Guntas of Kharab land and Survey No.40 measuring 3 Acres 0-04 Guntas situated at GALIPUJE Village, Kasaba Hobli, DoddaballapurTaluk, Bengaluru Rural District, in all measuring 04 Acres 25 Guntas Including 02 Guntas of Kharab and bounded on the; East by : The Land bearing Sy.No. 42, West by : The Land bearing Sy.Nos. 48 and 49, North by :The Land bearing Sy.No. 47/7, South by : Road.
Item No.2 : All that piece and parcel of immovable property being agricultural lands bearing Survey No. 47/1 measuring 1 Acres 24 ½ Guntas and Survey No.47/2 measuring 1 Acres 0-17 Guntas including kharab of 1 Gunta, and Sy.No. 47/3 measuring 5 Acres including kharab of 1 Gunta, situated at GALIPUJE Village, Kasaba Hobli, DoddaballapurTaluk, Bengaluru Rural District, in all measuring 8 Acres 01 ½ Guntas Including 02 Guntas of Kharab and bounded on the; East by : The Land bearing Sy.No. 45, West by : The Land bearing Sy.No. 49, North by : The Land bearing Sy.No. 70, South by : The Land bearing Sy.No. 47/4.
Item No.3 : All that piece and parcel of immovable property being agricultural lands bearing Survey No. 47/4 measuring 3 Acres 18 Guntas Including Kharab of 8 Guntas and Survey No.47/5 measuring 1 Acres 0-20 Guntas including kharab of 1 Gunta, and Sy.No. 47/6 measuring 1 Acre 16 Guntas including kharab of 1 Gunta and Sy.No. 47/7 measuring 1 Acre 38 Guntas including kharab of 1 Gunta, situated at GALIPUJE Village, Kasaba Hobli, DoddaballapurTaluk, Bengaluru Rural District, in all measuring 8 Acres 12 Guntas Including 11 Guntas of Kharab and bounded on the; East by : The Land bearing Sy.No. 46, West by : The Land bearing Sy.No. 49, North by :The Land bearing Sy.No. 47/3, South by : The Land bearing Sy.No. 39 and 40.
(MADHUSUDHANAREDDY .G.R), Advocate
No.21/A, 14th Cross, E Block,
Sahakarnagar, Bangalore-560092.
Mobile No.9980940428, 9916346543
Bengaluru. Dated : 04-09-2024

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Auction Catalogue No : UBL-PLS-SEP-24 dated: 27.08.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Auction for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approximate Cost
Leasing of SLRs in various Passenger trains over Hubballi Division for a period of two years.	Not Applicable

Date & Time of Bidding
Upto 11.00 hrs on 09.09.2024
For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**
Senior Divisional Commercial Manager,
PUB/381/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25 Hubballi
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. Y/E.29/2024-25/46 Dt: 26.08.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tenders for the following works.

Description of Work	Approximate Value
(Re-tender) 1) SSE/P. Way/Arsikere - Construction of Gang tool cum rest room-13 Nos. - Electrical arrangements. 2) Provision of submersible pump set at thirteen locations - Electrical arrangements.	Rs. 52,89,011/-

Last date & Time of submission of bid for tender
Upto 11.00 Hrs on 16.09.2024
For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer/General
PUB/377/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25 Mysuru
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No : ECN-TRD-03-2024 dated 29.08.2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites tender for the following work.

Name of Work	Approx. Value
OHE Modification at Tholahunse yard, Infringements removal for FOB at Haveri, Kodaganur and Sasalu and any other minor OHE modification work at Bengaluru and Mysuru Division of CN/SWR jurisdiction.	Rs. 2,57,22,410.47

Last date of submission of bid
Upto 11.00 hrs on 24.09.2024
For details log on : **www.ireps.gov.in**
Deputy Electrical Engineer/Traction & Distribution/ Construction/Bengaluru Cantonment
PUB/388/AAD360/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No: Pavagada_Rama_Malla_ANC
Dated : 30-08-2024
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Provision of Electronic Interlocking System with Outdoor Signalling & Telecom arrangements at Pavagada, Ramanpalli, Mallapuram Stations between Tumkuru - Rayadurga Section of Bengaluru Division with Absolute Block Working System for new BG Line and new crossing Station at Annechakanahalli Station of Mysuru Division.	Rs. 18,25,10,097.86

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 15:00 Hrs on 25-09-2024
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Deputy Chief Signal & Telecom Engineeer/ Construction, Bengaluru Cantonment
PUB/394/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our clients **Mr. Madhur Ranjan and Mr.Ishan Ranjan both sons of Mr.Arun Kumar Prasad, Mrs.Mona Rani W/o. Mr. Madhur Ranjan and Mrs. Harsha Rani W/o. Mr.Ishan Ranjan,** are intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **Mr. S Nagaraja Reddy S/o Sri. Srinivasa Reddy;** any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All the piece and parcel of the converted Site bearing No.48, Assessment No.1084/61/2/48, having property ID No.150200400200820713, in **"ASHBERRY ENCLAVE"** project in Sy.no.61/2 measuring 1 Acre 33 Guntas of **Chikkagubbi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** which is converted for non agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order No.ALN(EBB)SR 141/2014-15 Dated 08-08-2016 passed by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dist, Bangalore measuring East to west : [65 feet + 64.4 feet]/2 North to South : 40 feet in all totally measuring 2586.66 sq.ft (240.360 sq mtrs) and bounded on the;
East by : Private Property, West by : Road, North by : Site No.47, South by : Site No.49.

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants Bangalore-43
M : 9108784843, 80-48658774
E- Mail: rvlaw.76@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that my client **Mr.Shahira R W/o Mr.Imran Basha A,** is intending to purchase the Scheduled Property from Mrs.Rehma Shaikh, Mr. Aashir Aiyan Khan and Mr. Mohammed Aaqeem Khan legal heirs of Late.Amjad Khan any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof on or before **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our clients shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that pieces and parcels of the immovable Property being a portion of Site No. 39, 41 & 42, Katha No.889/B, BBMP PID No.94-183-76, situated at Kadugondanahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, measuring on the eastern side 43 feet, on the Western side 46 feet on the Northern side 36 feet and on the Southern Side 36 feet, in all measuring 1602 Sq.ft, presently under the limits of BBMP, and bounded on:
East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Road, South by : Site No. 38.

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BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Divisioin, Mahadevapura Zone, K.R. Pura, Bengaluru - 560 036.

No.BBMP/EE(P)/MZ/E-Aucion/02/2024-25 **Date:04.09.2024**

E-AUCTION SHORT TERM NOTIFICATION
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only) **(2nd Call)**

The Executive Engineer, Project Division, Mahadevapura Zone invites tenders from eligible Tenderers through e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** for Collection of Floor Tariff Fee for Traders and Farmers at K.R. Pura market premises for a period of one year. **Minimum bid Amount per month : Rs. 5.95 Lakhs. (Total 1 Acre 14 Gunta) 58,806 Sq. ft. fixed rate of Rs. 11 per sq. ft.).**

1) Last date for participation in e-Auction : **05.09.2024 to 17.09.2024.** 2) Date of Start of Bidding : **18.09.2024 at 10.00 a.m.** 3) Last date for closing of e-Auction : **18.09.2024 upto 5.00 p.m.** The terms & conditions and further details can be had from the K.R. Puram Revenue Section during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
(Project Division), Mahadevapura Zone.

Government of Maharashtra
Public Works Department P.W. Division,
Panvel Telephone No. 022-27452778
E-Tender Notice No. 44 (Open ONLINE)Year-2024-25
E-mail address:- panvel.ee@mahapwd.gov.in Fax Number :-022-27467440

Executive Engineer P.W. Division Panvel invite B-1 Tender From Registered Contractor with Govt. of Maharashtra Detail Tender Notice Available On www. mahapwd.gov.in and www.mahatenders.gov.in Portal.

Note:- Total **3 Work** include in Tender notice.

Online Tender Download & Bid Preparation Period Date **05/09/2024 At 10.00 AM** To Date **12/09/2024 18.00 PM**.

Online Tender Bid Preparation Last Date **12/09/2024 at 18.00 AM.**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
P.W.Division, Panvel
DGIPR/2024/2025/2647

KALABURAGI MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Fax No.08472/260776 Phone: 08472/ 278675, Email Id: itstaff_ulb_gulbarga@yahoo.com

No.KMP/HS/SWM/2024-25 Date : 04.09.2024

:: TENDER NOTIFICATION ::

The tender is invited from eligible Bidders for the mentioned work under Karnataka Transparency in Public Portal Rules – 2000 in KPPP Portal
1) Work Details : Tender for the supply, installation, commissioning and successful run of 16cum portable compactor along with truck mounted hook loader on 28t GVW truck chassis for Rajiv Gandhi nagar Transfer Station at Kalaburagi City Corporation, 2) Indent : **DMA/ 2024-25/IND3356,** 3) Tender Amount : **Rs. 305.73 Lakhs,** 4) EMD : Rs. 4,58,607/-, 5) Last Date and Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications Date : **14.09.2024 Time : 2.30pm**, 6) Last Date and Time for Receipt of Tenders Date : **16.09.2024 Time : 2.45pm**, 7) Last Date and Time for Opening of Technical Bid Date : **17.09.2024 Time : 3.30pm**, 8) Last Date and Time for Opening of Financial Bid Date : **18.09.2024 Time : 3.35pm**
• Visit the KPPP Portal for EMD and more details. • For more details, Contact Assistant Executive Engineer (Environment) Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike, Kalaburagi. • Website : **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/**
Sd/- Deputy Commissioner (Dev),
Kalaburagi Mahanagara Palike Kalaburagi
DIPR/Kalaburagi/414/KSMC&A/2024-25

THE FEDERAL BANK LIMITED
Regd. Office: Aluva, Kerala.
ZONAL OFFICE: 1st Floor, Halcyon Complex, No.9, St Marks Road, Bangalore-560 001.
e-mail:bgrr-cpc@federalbank.co.in Ph:080-22074610//24/25

BGRR/Online Auction/2024-25 **PUBLIC NOTICE GOLD AUCTION** **04/09/2024**

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the account holders in particular that e-auction of the pledged gold ornaments in the below mentioned account's will be conducted by Federal Bank Ltd, on 18.09.2024 through online portal, https://gold.samil.in interested buyers may log on to the auction portal or contact the Bank at contact@federalbank.co.in for further information. In case e-auction is not materialised for any reason on the date mentioned above, with respect any or all items of the of the pledged ornaments, Bank shall be conducting private sale of the items on any susequent date/s without further notise.

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Bangalore 04-09-2024 **For The Federal Bank Ltd** **Senior Vice President & Zonal Head**

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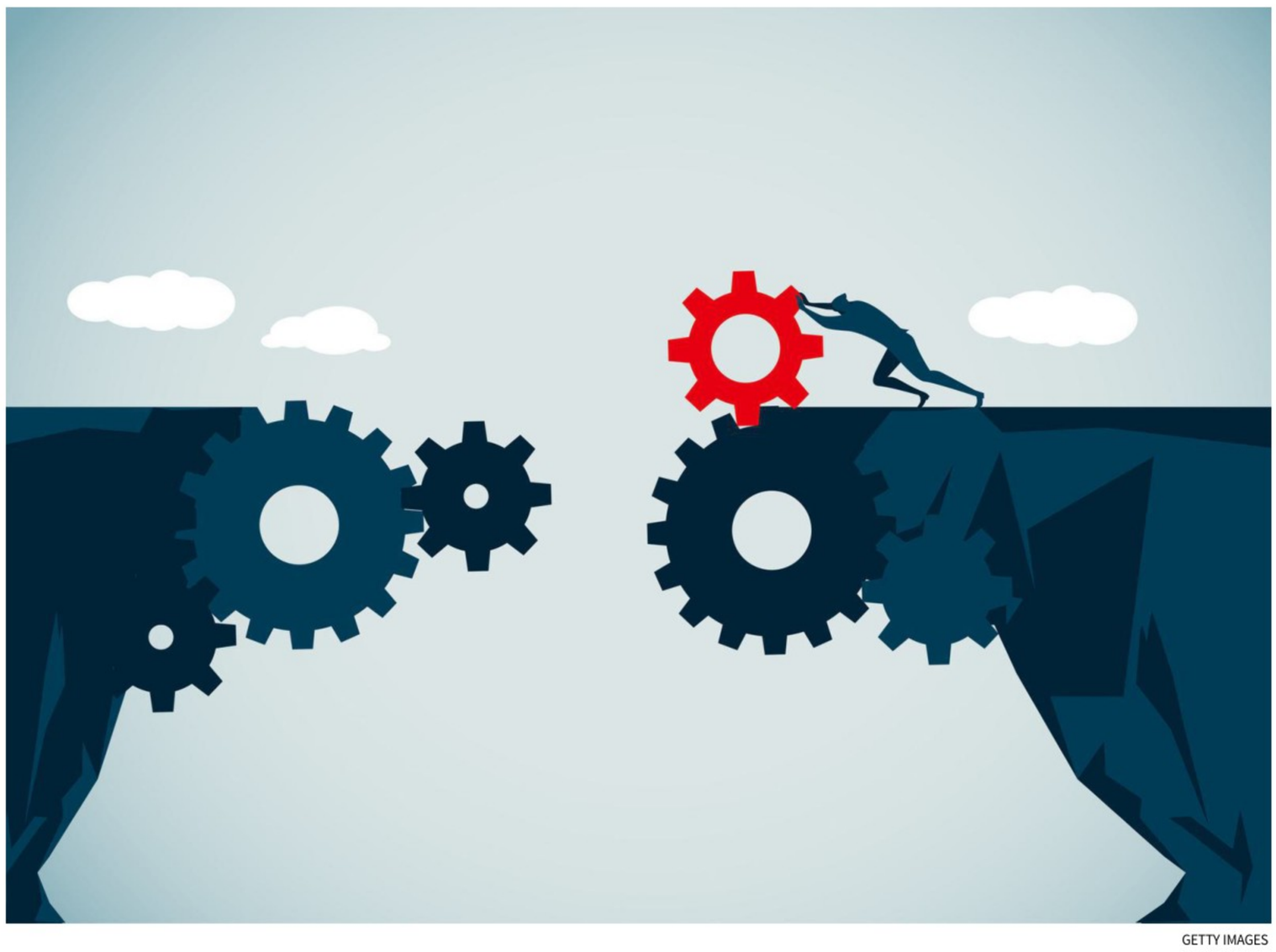

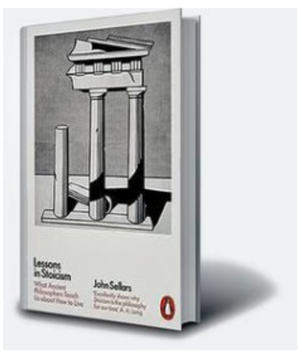

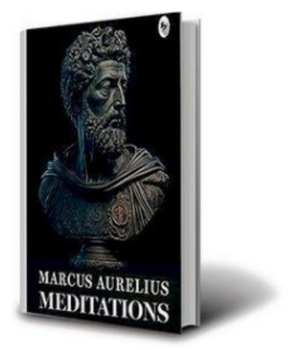

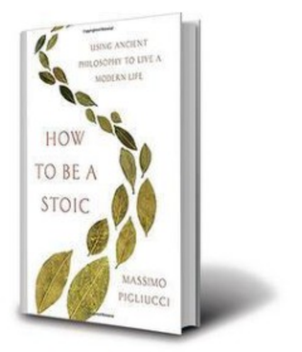

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In a time of turmoil and crisis, the stoic roadmap to a meaningful life

Several books on Stoicism, old and new, offer timeless wisdom on how to navigate life's challenges, cope with chaos and wrest happiness from adversity. By introducing this ancient philosophy, these books explain why it remains relevant for modern society

Soma Basu

The world is in turmoil. We muddled through a pandemic, and continue to witness climate disruptions, rising inequalities, racial injustices, economic slowdowns, wars and uprising. The fear of loss and the greed for more keep lives on edge in a world where one crisis follows another.

The need for clarity and resilience to deal with hardships is felt like never before. In this scenario, can art of living strategies offered by Stoics help?

After Alexander the Great's conquests and death upended the Greek world, Hellenistic philosopher Zeno of Citium, propounded the development of logical living with reason as its decisive principle, where there is no space for exhibiting the pain one suffers.

Though Zeno's original writings are lost, his sayings are preserved by later writers and *Rebublic* is cited as the most famous work that outlined his vision of an ideal Stoic society. For example, Mr. Spock in the original Star Trek is a perfect example of a stoic person who tried to never demonstrate his feelings.

Bandwidth of emotions

The philosophy is not just about 'unfeeling'. Between Prime Minister Modi's 'stoic silence' over ethnic violence in Manipur and wrestler Vinesh Phogat's 'stoic attitude' in proving herself whether on the mat or standing up against alleged sexual harassment, there is, for instance, a bandwidth of emotions that help us to understand universal truths about people and what makes them thrive in any situation.

There's a hard path at any given moment in our lives that could benefit us as we either push through a current difficulty to build our character, or mull in the moment waiting for the experiences we live in to disappear, writes William Mulligan, founder of YouTube and Instagram account, Stoic Teachings, in his first book *The Everyday Stoic: Simple Rules For A Good Life* (2024).

"We all have our own philosophy. Maybe it's about how we treat people and allow others to treat us and how much negativity we let into ourselves," he says, explaining the Stoicism doctrine based on how to accept things that cannot be changed and not to brood over things beyond our control.

Truths we have lost sight of

In a world full of darkness, books on Stoicism make for a transformative reading experience, equipping readers with insights into a more productive perspective of life. For beginners, reading the big three Roman philosophers – Marcus Aurelius, Epictetus and Seneca – is a good way to cover the basics.

With *The Enchiridion*, Epictetus helps us to dive into human desires and calm rationality in order to cultivate a resilient mindset. It is an essential guide to enlightenment and emotional well-being. The free-minded writings of Seneca in his *Letters to Lucilius* discuss ethical theory and practical advice and how both are distinct and yet interdependent. He regards his philosophy as a balm for the wounds of life and suggests uprooting destructive passions.

While *Marcus' Meditations* is a personal collection of his reflections on applying stoic philosophy to his life and is one of the most widely-read classics on self-improvement, Donald Robertson uses anecdotes from Marcus' life in his book *How to Think like a Roman Emperor* (2019). Robertson's *Stoicism and the Art of Happiness* (2013) showcases how stoic philosophy is a form of self-help today.

In the context of people trying coping mechanisms to understand their place in the world and emerging strong, Vinesh Phogat is an example of a real Stoic. Academic philosopher John Sellars who is the chair of the Modern Stoicism organisation, has penned a good introduction, *Lessons in Stoicism: What Ancient Philosophers Teach Us About How to Live* (2020), that underlines the comeback of Stoicism as a fashionable buzzword.

History as inspiration

Stoic philosophy started in 300 BC with Zeno of Citium and continued for 500 years until the fall of Rome; it evolved during the two crises and has had numerous revivals since, including Neo-stoicism in the Renaissance era and modern Stoicism in the 21st century.

A popular modern book on Stoicism is *The Daily Stoic* (2016) by Ryan Holiday and Stephen Hanselman, which draws on historical icons and contemporary heroes to demonstrate the power of owing our convictions and acting accordingly in an era of dishonesty. "Your values, your character and your deeds determine your success and legacy," Ryan writes, pointing out that the path to greatness is not possible without goodness.

To make the 2000-year-old philosophy a framework to modern life, another good read is Victor Frankl's 1946 book, *Man's Search for Meaning* where he chronicles his experiences as a prisoner during World War II. He observes its impact on fellow inmates at a Nazi concentration camp; there were some who were able to connect to a purpose in life in such bleak times through completion of tasks, caring for another person or finding meaning in suffering with dignity.

In *A Guide to the Good life: The Ancient Art of Stoic Joy* (2009), William Irvine tells readers how to become thoughtful observers of their own life and identify the sources of distress, minimise worry, and let go of the past. Author and professor of Philosophy in City College of New York, Massimo Pigliucci's book *How to be A Stoic: using Ancient Philosophy to Live a Modern Life* (2017), reminds readers to look to history for inspiration and be surprised by its power.

In *How Should We Live?* (2015), cultural historian Roman Krznaric explores twelve topics including love, family, and empathy; work, time, and money to reveal how people have missed a chance to learn from the ancient Greeks. It is replete with ideas from the past and sheds light on the decisions we make in our daily lives.

As Gregory Hays, a classics scholar says, Stoicism, after all, is about being in control of one's thoughts and emotions. It is a recognition that human societies and relations are varied and complex and the path toward a better world goes through each of us.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

September 5 is celebrated as Teachers' Day in India. In honour of educators, here is a quiz about fictional and literary teachers who have changed lives for the better

K. Abhinaya

QUESTION 1

Known for her incredible wit and stern demeanour, this teacher played a very important role in the life of the protagonist and his two friends. She was the head of a well-liked house in the school and taught a very difficult subject at a magical school. Identify the teacher.

QUESTION 2

Hilary Swank plays a teacher who transforms the life of at-risk school children at a school in LA in this movie. The movie is based on a book compiled out of the diary entries of the students. Name the movie.

QUESTION 3

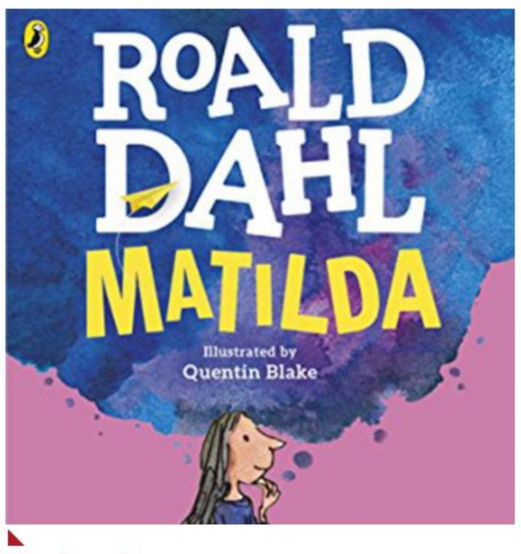
From the 21-day hack to build habits to acronyms to speeches, this teacher quickly becomes the lifeline of students trying to navigate their way through the gruelling IIT coaching regime in this popular series. Name the series and the teacher.

QUESTION 4

This recent sitcom follows the lives of teachers at an underfunded public school in Philadelphia. The creator of the show also plays the role of an optimistic second-grade teacher. Identify the creator of the show.

QUESTION 5

An unlikely ally turned teacher; Beijing; snake stance; and fire cupping are all key elements of this movie. It follows the relationship between a troubled 12-year-old kid and his teacher. Identify the movie and name the teacher in the movie.



Visual question:
Name the teacher who identifies Matilda's talent and attempts to help her develop and hone her intelligence.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The upcoming movie *Emergency* is about this and Kangana Ranaut will play the role of this politician. **Ans: The film is based on the Indian Emergency from 1975. Ms. Ranaut will play the role of Indira Gandhi.**
2. This 2019 Hindi-language political film is based on the 2014 book by Sanjaya Baru about this politician. **Ans: *The Accidental Prime Minister*; Dr. Manmohan Singh**
3. This Marathi-language biopic based on Nitin Gadkari was released in 2023. This man played the role of Gadkari. **Ans: *Gadkari*; Rahul Chopda**
4. *Main Atal Hoon* is a 2024 biographical film on Atal Bihari Vajpayee who was played by this actor. **Ans: Pankaj Tripathi**
5. This 1993 biographical drama film, written by noted playwright Vijay Tendulkar, was based on this politician. **Ans: Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**
6. This 1997 Tamil-language epic political drama was directed by Mani Ratnam. **Ans: *Iruvar***
Visual: Identify this film from the poster**. Ans: *Yatra*; based on Telugu politician Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy**
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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

K. Subrahmanian

"Hello. Care to join me for dinner?"

"I have been grazing through packet after packet of chips all day, so..."

"You mean you've been eating chips all day long."

"Yes, I've been grazing through..."

"How can you graze? Are you a cow?"

"Well, no..."

"Animals like cows, sheep and goats graze. People like you and me eat."

"You're right. You see I have been eating all day. But I've also been grazing."

"What are you talking about."

"You see 'grazing' means 'eating continuously throughout the day'."

"Eating throughout the day? But how can a person eat throughout the day?"

"Why can't a person eat throughout the day? All that he/she has to do is eat small quantities of something right through the day."

"You mean the person eats something after his breakfast, lunch and dinner?"

"No, no. You see when you are grazing, you don't usually have your regular meal. Because if you do, then it is very difficult for you to eat something after that."

"I see. So instead of a heavy breakfast, a 'grazer' will have three or four mini-breakfasts before lunch."

"Exactly. And there will be no lunches or dinners either. Only small quantities of something to prevent the stomach from complaining."

"So like a cow, a 'grazer' chews all day."

"Yes. And that's why it's called 'grazing'."

"Would you like to have a small quantity of ice cream?"

"Certainly not! I'd like to have lashings of ice cream."

"Lashings of ice cream?"

"Yes."

"Doesn't 'lashing' mean beating somebody with a whip?"

"Yes, one of the meanings is that."

"How do I beat you with ice cream?"

"You've got it all wrong. You see, I didn't say 'lashing,' but 'lashings.' In informal English, 'lashings' means a large quantity of something."

"So you want a large quantity?"

"Yes, I want lashings of ice cream."

"But I thought you were grazing."

"Never mind that. Are you giving me my ice cream?"

"Yes. But not lashings of it. You see I have only a small quantity."

"Give it."

"Here you are."

"Can you tell me the meaning of a sentence?"

"What sentence?"

"This is the sentence. 'Mr. Arjun Singh also said that if any references in the statement gave this interpretation directly or indirectly, the same are withdrawn.' The sentence is in the resolution adopted by the Congress Working Committee. What does the sentence mean?"

"I suppose he meant it to mean that he wasn't mean enough to mean what the party thought he meant it to mean."

"All's well that means well. It is evident that the resolution was drafted by leaders with bleary eyes and tired minds."

Published in The Hindu on April 6, 1993.

Word of the day

Parry:
impede the movement of (an opponent or a ball); avoid or try to avoid fulfilling, answering, or performing (duties, questions, or issues)

Synonyms: block, deflect, skirt, hedge, elude, dodge, duck, evade, circumvent, fudge, sidestep

Usage: *She cleverly parried the reporter's questions.*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/parrypro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /'pæɹi/

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Address the elephant in the room, say artists on sexual harassment faced by women in Sandalwood

After Hema panel report on Malayalam film industry was released, Kannada artists demand a safe work environment

Vivek M.V.
BENGALURU

Cinematographer Preetha Jayaraman and actor Sruthi Hariharan

In the wake of the K. Hema committee's revelations on Malayalam cinema, artists from the Kannada film industry have strongly demanded a safe and professional work environment for female artists in the industry.

Through a letter to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, members of the Film Industry for Rights and Equality (FIRE) have asked the State government to constitute a committee to investigate on issues faced by women, including sexual harassment in Sandalwood.

"Women have complained in the past, but industry bigwigs have quietened them. Some female artists get into legal battles that get dragged for ages, and their careers take a hit," said Kavitha Lankesh, filmmaker and president of FIRE. It's important to treat everyone equally on a film set, said Ms. Kavitha. "I have heard stories of women asked to work for long hours even during their periods. How you treat women and junior artists defines how safe your film set is."

FIRE called for a "thorough investigation into the systematic issues faced by women in KFI, including sexual harassment." The body also asked for the "development of policies to ensure a healthy and equitable work environment for women in the industry."

The letter said: "We propose a retired judge of the High Court or Supreme Court who has demonstrated a strong commitment to gender justice over her/his years of service be appointed to head the committee." FIRE sought immediate action from the government on the issues faced by women in the film industry.

Actor Sruthi Hariharan called for a forum in the Kannada film industry along the lines of the K. Hema Committee, which was constituted by the Government of Kerala following Women in Cinema Collective's petition in 2017.

Ms. Sruthi, who had accused popular actor Arjun Sarja of sexual harassment amidst the #MeToo wave in 2018, took to Instagram to express her opinion on the ongoing issue. "It would be great to have a committee similar to that of the Justice K. Hema Committee for an unbiased and fair investigation on the working conditions for women across all departments of the Kannada film industry," she wrote. "Please don't sensationalise this and just focus on the sexual harassment angle. A committee like this will go far beyond just that and help uplift and empower women in many other ways," added the national award-winning actor.

Misuse of power

Allegations of sexual harassment by several women have rocked the Malayalam film industry. Noted artists from the Tamil, Telugu, and Hindi film industries have reacted to the controversy, stressing the need for a safer work environment for female artists. Cinematographer Preetha Jayaraman, who has worked predominantly in the Kannada film industry, spoke about how people in power misuse their position.

"Even though I have always worked in a professional film set with the availability of all basic needs for women, one can't deny the fact that there is a big harassment factor when it comes to actresses and junior artists," said Ms. Preetha, member of FIRE. "Most of them in the industry know how production executives treat actresses and where the mistakes happen. People in positions of power exploit those daily wage labourers in the film industry. We must have zero tolerance towards unfair expectations from women," she opined.

Author and screenwriter Sandhya Rani said the harassment faced by women in the film industry was a known truth. "It was the elephant in the room. Only after the Hema committee report, has there been an open discussion on the problem," she offered.

"Women in the film industry are vulnerable because a set doesn't function with fixed timing and guidelines. Men in strong positions make rules that work in their favour even if they cross the line. That's why you see those accused continuing to receive work while those who question them get sidelined by the industry," she added.

Bescom issues guidelines for Ganesha pandals

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In the guidelines issued for Ganesha Chaturthi celebrations by the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom) on Wednesday, the power utility has cautioned the organisers to ensure that lighting systems are adequately insulated and are not in contact with electric poles.

The guidelines say that shamiyanas or tents should not be attached to electric wires, poles or transformer stations. "Be mindful of overhead power lines during procession. Notify subdivisional officers of the procession route in advance so they can provide assistance. Report live wire or electrical spark by calling 1912 helpline and mark 'Danger Zone' where electrical equipment is set up for the Ganesha pandal installation," state the guidelines.

The organisers should contact the sub-divisional officers concerned and secure temporary electricity connection for their pandals. Before applying for temporary connection for pandals, the organisers must obtain NOC from all authorities. Once it is submitted to Bescom, Assistant Executive Engineer or Assistant Engineers will visit the site of the installation, and will provide permission to proceed.

Food safety

The Food Safety and Quality Department has said that hygiene, quality and safety should be maintained in the distribution of 'prasadam' during Gowri and Ganesha festival celebrations. The department said local bodies should make it mandatory that only FSSAI approved vendors prepare and distribute 'prasadam' to devotees.

From Page One

Kannada film industry seeks panel to probe sexual harassment

Filmmakers B. Suresha, Mansore, Jayatheertha, K.M. Chaitanya, and Pawan Kumar are also among the signatories to the petition.

"Women have faced harassment in the film industry from time immemorial," said Ms. Kavitha. "Those who were not cooperative to the whims and fancies of influential people were thrown out of the industry. Women who question injustice face the danger of losing opportunities," she said.

Chargesheet filed against Darshan, Pavithra

The chargesheet alleges that Pavithra told about the lewd messages to her assistant Pavan, who in turn told Darshan, who then asked Raghavendra, president of his fans' association in Chitradurga to bring Renukaswamy to Bengaluru. Renukaswamy was allegedly abducted on June 8.

E-paper edition

The Hindu offers more coverage of Bengaluru in the e-paper edition. (epaper.thehindu.com)

In the September 5 issue, we have a story on Beat Gurus, a city-based band that has been playing a pivotal role in the Ganesha Habba celebrations in South Bengaluru for two decades. It will perform for the 12th time at the 62nd Bengaluru Ganesh Utsava from September 7 to 18 at Shri Sringeri Shankar Math at Shankarapura.

Text & Context and Science

Weekday features on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and quizzes. In the latest issue (September 5, Thursday), the following articles are available:

- What do we know about ANIIDCO? **bit.ly/nicobarcorpexp**
- Did animals develop complex brains to deal with challenging habitats? **bit.ly/animalsandhabitats**

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Kristu Jayanti College hosts 9th Vidwat Sammilan

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Kristu Jayanti College hosted the 9th edition of Vidwat Sammilan on September 3.

Ved Prakash, former chairman of the University Grants Commission, was the chief guest.

In his address, Mr. Prakash emphasised the multifaceted aims of college education, focusing on the importance of understanding one's own culture before exploring others. He pointed out that cultural awareness, coupled with learning from diverse classmates, equips students to face the challenges of the modern world.

Water adalat to be held today

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BWSSB will hold water adalat on Thursday between 9.30 a.m. and 11 a.m. at the following sub-divisions: East-1: BEML Layout, Kundalahalli Main Road; East 2-1: 1st Block, 9th D Main, Service Road, HRBR Layout, Kalyan Nagar. South East 1: Swami Vivekananda Road, opposite Lido mall, Halasur.; South East 4: 10th Main Road, 7th Cross, behind Indiranagar Club, HAL 2nd Stage; West 1-1: Ground Floor, Arkavathi Bhavan, 5th Main, 9th Cross, RPC Layout, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage; West 2-1: 5th Stage, 1st Main, BEML Layout, R.R. Nagar; North West 1: 4th Cross, Rajajinagar 1st N Block, behind Vidyavardhaka School, Kethamaranahalli Water Tank; North West 3: Ground Floor, 7th Main, MEI Layout, Hesarghatta Road; Central 1-1, Millers Road, High Grounds; North East 1: Room No. 115, 1st Floor, Suvarna Bhavan, 18th Cross, Margosa Road, Malleswaram.

Forensic reports, CCTV footage have made chargesheet against Darshan watertight: Police

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Actor Darshan was arrested on June 11. FILE PHOTO

The chargesheet filed by the Bengaluru City police against Darshan and his associates in the Renukaswamy murder case is watertight due to multiple forensic reports, DNA matches, and technical evidence like CCTV footage and call records of the accused, apart from eyewitness accounts, said city Police Commissioner B. Dayananda.

Police sources said that one of the accused has turned an approver and recorded his statement before a magistrate under Section 164 of Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC). This statement is key evidence in the chargesheet.

Police sources said that apart from witnesses, there is abundant material evidence to prove the presence of the accused with Renukaswamy at the scene of crime on the fateful day.

Renukaswamy's DNA found on the clothes and footwear of Darshan, Pavithra Gowda, and some other accused, confirmed by CFSL, Hyderabad, has emerged as a vital piece of evidence. His DNA has matched blood samples found on wooden planks and iron rods recovered from the scene of crime. Analysis of Call Detail Records and tower location of the accused mobile phones and CCTV footage from several cameras in the area prove their presence at the crime scene.

The police have also recovered photographs of the body of Renukaswamy from the phone of one of the accused. The photos were clicked at the parking shed, the scene of crime, after his death and sent to other prime accused in the case, the chargesheet alleges, according to sources.

An analysis of call records of Darshan, Pavithra, and Raghavendra, who abducted the victim from Chitradurga, and later with other accused established a criminal conspiracy to abduct, kill and dispose off the body, the police said. Police have also recovered large sum of money Darshan used to cover up the case, and the dress and shoes he was wearing at that time.

SEP Commission seeks six more months to submit final report

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

The Commission drafting the State Education Policy (SEP), that was expected to submit its report in August, has now sought six more months.

Minister of Higher Education M.C. Sudhakar confirmed to *The Hindu* that the SEP Commission had sought time till February 2025. However, the State government is yet to decide whether to give the Commission time or not.

The Congress had promised to reject the National Education Policy - 2020 and draft a SEP if it came to power in the 2023 Assembly elections. After it came to power, the government formed the SEP Commission headed by former UGC chairman Sukhdev Thorat on October 11, 2023, and set a five months' deadline to submit its report. However, the commission missed two deadlines in February and April 2024 and submitted an interim report in May.

The SEP Commission constituted 30 theme-based task forces, including 17 for higher education and 13 for school education, to comprehensively study and submit reports on different aspects of education in the State. A review of these task force reports is scheduled for September 10, 11, and 12. Only after brainstorming these reports, drafting of the final report will begin, a Commission member said.

While the Commission has held stakeholders meetings on higher education, it is yet to hold meetings on primary education. It will be held in the coming weeks and inputs will be factored in while drafting the final report. This is likely to take over two months and is said to be one of the major causes of delay, a member said.

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RISE	08:26	SET 20:27
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RISE	09:11	SET 21:03

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
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Mysuru	30	21
Bengaluru	28	21

Bengaluru Today
29°C The weather will be dry. Morning will be pleasant. Day will be slight warm. Night also will be pleasant.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the Citizens of Bengaluru that the Chief Engineer, Phase-2B/P2, BMRCL, Bengaluru, has submitted an application to the undersigned for removal of trees standing at Metro Viaduct of Phase-2B, Package-2, Project Alignment from Kempapura to Bagalur Cross including Portal Piers locations on LHS/RHS service roads and station areas (RoW) of Phase-2B, Package-2 for Construction of Elevated Structures (Viaduct and Stations) of length 11.678km with 5 Nos. of Elevated Metro Stations including Road Widening, Utility Diversion and Allied Works of Phase-2B, Package-2 BMRCL Project. The details are given below.

Name of the Project	Construction of elevated Structure (Viaduct and Station) of length 11.678km from Chainage 10072.00 m to 21500.000 m and five elevated metro station viz, Hebbal, Kodigehalli, Jakkur Cross, Yelahanka and Bagalur Cross including 250 m Pocket Track, Road widening, Utility diversion & other allied works of Bengaluru Metro Rail Project. Phase-2, Package-2			
Name of the Agency	Bengaluru Metro Rail Corporation Limited, Bengaluru			
Purpose for removal of trees	The trees are standing within the project area for Construction of Elevated Structures (Viaduct and Stations) and five Elevated Metro Stations at Metro Viaduct of Phase-2B, Package-2 Project alignment from Kempapura to Bagalur Cross including portal Piers locations and LHS/RHS Service Roads and Station Areas of Phase-2B, Package-2			
Description of the area with clear demarcation of boundaries or with GPS coordinates	**Boundary**	**Latitude (N)**	**Longitude (E)**	**Location**
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	2	13° 2' 37.3728"N	77°36' 2.629"E	
	3	13° 2' 37.3641"N	77°35' 58.7296"E	
	4	13° 2' 37.5617"N	77°35' 58.7297"E	
	5	13° 2' 58.9556"N	77°35' 35.305"E	Hebbal to Kodigehalli
	6	13° 2' 58.8809"N	77°35' 35.6116"E	
	7	13° 3' 1.1935"N	77°35' 36.2351"E	
	8	13° 3' 17.4779"N	77°35' 37.773"E	
	9	13° 3' 17.4932"N	77°35' 37.5019"E	
Enumeration of trees Total No. of trees standing in the project area	76 Nos (Annexure-1)	Description of trees, species, location, area, etc., are uploaded in the website of BBMP for information of all. **(www.bbmp.gov.in)**		
Total No. of trees proposed to be removed	76 Nos (Annexure-1)			
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Deadline for filing objections	Ten (10) days from the date of publication of this Notification in Newspaper *** Objections / Comments / Suggestions should be relevant and specific to the project.**			

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SIT may go ahead with trials of Gauri, Kalburgi cases in regular courts

Rights activists and families of both murder victims have been demanding speedy trial, as four accused in Gauri case and two accused in Kalburgi case have been granted bail on the grounds of delayed trial

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

Even though a Special Fast Track Court to try the murder cases of editor-activist Gauri Lankesh and scholar M.M. Kalburgi has not been constituted over eight months after the Chief Minister ordered officials to begin the process, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) is likely to go ahead with the trial at the regular courts where it is on from 2022. Thursday marks the seventh death anniversary of Gauri.

Rights activists and the families of both victims have been demanding speedy trial, as four accused in the Gauri case and two accused in the Kalburgi case have already been granted bail on the grounds of delayed trial.

Where cases stand

Presently, the Gauri case is being heard for one week a month at a court in Bengaluru and the Kalburgi case one day a month at a court in Dharwad. While 137 of 530 witnesses have been examined in the Gauri case, only 12 of 138 witnesses have been examined in the Kalburgi case to date.

A senior SIT official said in its recent judgment rejecting an appeal against bail to one of the accused in the Gauri case, the apex court had asked for an expedited trial. Following this, SIT has sought a hearing for two weeks a month in the Gauri case and a hearing for at least one day a week in the Kalburgi case. "If we get more time in the courts, we are confident of completing the trials in both cases in less than a year," a senior SIT official said.

However, a request to constitute a Special Fast Track Court is pending before the High Court of Karnataka.

Kavitha Lankesh, sister of Gauri, said justice delayed is justice denied. "It has been seven years since she was brutally killed. It has been nine years since Kalburgi was killed. The trials in the cases have been painfully slow and it is frustrating. I challenged the bail of one of the accused in the case in the Supreme Court but lost. Many more accused are walking out on bail. A two-time member of Parliament from the State even met an accused released on bail. Special Court or not, what we need is a speedy trial," she said.

Srivijaya, Kalburgi's son, expressed disappointment with the slow pace of the trial. "We have decided to petition the court to at least schedule the case one day every week to speed up trial," he said.

Four accused in the Gauri case and two in the Kalburgi case have secured bail from the High Court on the grounds of delay in the trial. The Supreme Court, too, has upheld the bail of Mohan Nayak, accused in the Gauri case. Seven other accused, including alleged mastermind Amol Kale and the alleged shooter and biker Parashuram Waghmore and Ganesh Miskin in the Gauri case, have applied for bail on the same grounds. Meanwhile, another accused in the Kalburgi case has also sought bail, and his petition is pending.

Where the cases stand

Gauri Lankesh murder case

- **Killed in front of her house in Bengaluru on Sept. 5, 2017**
- Chargesheet filed against 18 accused in 2018 alleging that a criminal syndicate influenced by the teachings of Goa-based Hindutva organisation Sanatan Sanstha killed her for what they perceived as her 'anti-Hindu' views
- Of the 18 accused, 17 have been arrested and one is still absconding. Karnataka Control of Organised Crime Act, 2000, invoked
- Trial began at the Principal City Civil and Sessions Court, Bengaluru, in 2022. As many as 137 witnesses of the 530 examined till now; case being heard for one week every month
- **Four accused** — Mohan Nayak, K.T. Naveen Kumar, Amit Degvekar, and H.L. Suresh — granted bail by the High Court on the grounds of delayed trial
- Bail petitions of seven other accused, including alleged shooter Parashuram Waghmore and prime accused Amol Kale, based on the same grounds of delayed trial, pending before courts

M.M. Kalburgi muder case

- **Killed on the doorstep of his house in Dharwad on August 30, 2015**
- Chargesheet filed against six accused in 2018 alleging that a gang influenced by the teachings of Goa-based Hindutva organisation Sanatan Sanstha killed him allegedly over his misrepresented statement on idol worship
- Five of the six accused are also accused in the Gauri Lankesh murder case
- Trial began in the IV Additional District and Sessions Court, Dharwad, in 2022. As many as 12 of the 138 witnesses examined till date; case being heard for one day every month
- **Two accused** — Amit Baddi and Vasudev Suryavanshi — granted bail on the grounds of delayed trial

Gauri Day today

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The Gauri Memorial Trust is observing Gauri Day on Thursday with special lectures and a cultural evening. At an event at Ambareesh Bhavan, Kalavidara Sangha, Chamarajpet, starting at 5 p.m., R. Ramkumar, professor, School of Development Studies, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, will deliver a lecture on 'The dangers to the Indian republic'. Activist and academic Meenakshi Bali will speak on the crisis in Centre-State relations.

Murder case against MLA: HC upholds decision of special court to begin 'new trial'

FROM THE COURT

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The High Court of Karnataka has upheld the decision of a special court to begin a 'new trial' in the 2016 case of the murder of Yogeeshgouda Goudar, who was then a zilla panchayat member, in which Vinay Kulkarni, Congress MLA, is an accused facing the charge of being the main conspirator.

Gross variances

The Special Court of Sessions for criminal cases against former and present MLAs and MPs, Bengaluru, had on June 28, 2024, decided to commence a 'new trial' as there are gross variances in the number of accused, roles played by the accused persons, pieces of evidence, a larger conspiracy is noticed, and the then investigating officers are now arraigned as accused persons, etc., in the three supplementary chargesheets filed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) when compared with the initial chargesheet filed by the State police. Justice M. Nagaprasanna passed the order while dismissing the petitions filed by Vikram Ballari and five other accused persons, who had questioned the legality of the special court's decision to conduct a 'new trial' when the trial was at an advanced stage. "On the entire analysis of the reasons rendered by the special court, there is no warrant to interfere with the order impugned," the High Court said.

Court empowered

Citing various judgments of the apex court, Mr. Justice Nagaprasanna held that the trial court was empowered to add or alter the charges even when the trial was at an advanced stage and when the judgment was reserved after the completion of the trial. The trial court, considering the circumstances, has rightly chosen to conduct a 'new trial' as per Section 216(4) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr.PC).

Rejecting the contention of the petitioners that the trial court is empowered to conduct a 'new trial' under Section 216(4) of the Cr.PC only when one of the parties should plead prejudice, the High Court said "the power under Section 216 is exclusive to the court and there is no right in any party, neither the complainant nor the accused nor the prosecution to seek addition or alteration by filing any application as a matter of right".

The High Court said the special court had rightly chosen to conduct a 'new trial' to safeguard the interests of both the prosecution as well as the accused.

Case background

The murder was reported in June 2016, and the State police filed a chargesheet against six persons in September 2016, and the trial was conducted based on this chargesheet between 2017 and 2019, during which the State government asked the CBI to conduct further investigation. Mr. Kulkarni was arraigned as an accused in one of the three supplementary chargesheets, in which it had arraigned 21 persons as accused, and not in the chargesheet filed by the State police.

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, DHENKANAL (R&B) CIRCLE, DHENKANAL

2nd Corrigendum to Bid identification No. C.C.E.DKL (R&B)04/2024-25

Letter No.1780 /Dtd. 03/09/2024

The Bids invited vide Bid Identification No.C.C.E. DKL (R&B) 04/2024-25 vide letter No.1661 dt.17.08.2024 has been modified are as follows.

1.The Bid document for the above notice will be available in the website: **www.tendersodisha.gov.in** from **Dt.11.09.2024 to 5.00 PM of Dt.25.09.2024** for online bidding and shall be opened at **11.30 AM on Dt.26.09.2024.**

All other terms and conditions of the above tender call notice will remain unchanged.

C.E., Dhenkanal (R&B) Circle, Dhenkanal

B-226: OIPR - 34132/11/0009/2425

Will look into teachers' demands in a month: CM

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BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday promised schoolteachers that the government would look into their demands, including providing designation to them as Graduate Primary Teacher (GPT) and making changes in the Cadre and Recruitment (C&R) Rules, in the next one month.

Giving assurance: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah holding a meeting with a delegation of the primary school teachers' association in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

Protest held

Several government primary schools across Karnataka had remained closed following protests by the Karnataka State Primary School Teachers' Association in Bengaluru on August 12 seeking fulfilment of their demands including designating qualified government primary school teachers appointed to teach classes 1 to 7 before 2016 as GPT and changing the C&R Rules.

Mr. Siddaramaiah held discussions with representatives of the teachers' association and said an appropriate decision would be taken after holding discussions with Primary and Secondary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa and officials of the Department School Education and Literacy.

Representatives of the association said there were more than 40,000 graduate teachers and an order should be issued to designate teachers as GPT. The association also demanded the promotion of senior teachers as headmasters in schools on a seniority basis. The promotion of teachers to the posts of headmaster was stopped three years ago, they said.

The teachers demanded that an order be issued so that C&R Rules implemented in 2017 do not apply to teachers appointed before 2016.

Mr. Bangarappa, Chief Minister's political secretaries K. Govindaraju and Nazeer Ahmed, MLC Puttanna, writer Baragur Ramachandrappa, and department officials attended the meeting.

Govt. withholds award for principal following outrage

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Many alleged that the principal of the Government PU College at Kundapur was one of those responsible for the hijab controversy

The State government on Wednesday withheld the best principal award for the year 2024-25 announced for Ramakrishna B.G., principal of the Government Pre-University College, Kundapur in Udupi district. This followed outrage expressed by a section of activists and academics over his choice, alleging that he was one of the people who was responsible for the hijab controversy that had erupted during the previous BJP regime.

To mark Teacher's Day, the State government announced the best teacher awards to a total of 41 teachers, principals, and lecturers of government schools and PU colleges, including Mr. Ramakrishna, on Tuesday.

"Principal Ramakrishna B.G. became a controversial figure during the BJP government's tenure when the hijab issue emerged. He was criticised for stopping Muslim students wearing hijabs from entering the college. He personally locked the college gate to prevent their entry. This incident gained international attention," said a social media post. Another alleged that the controversy had "caused many Muslim girls to leave the college".

The government withheld the award announced to Mr. Ramakrishna following the outrage, sources of the Department of School Education and Literacy confirmed.

BJP begins membership drive with target of enrolling 1.5 crore people in State

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) kick-started its annual membership drive in the State on Wednesday by setting an ambitious target of enrolling 1.5 crore members. The party had enrolled 1.04 crore members during the drive in 2023.

Launch: BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra distributing stickers to autorickshaw drivers who registered themselves as members of the party in Bengaluru on Wednesday.

The party organisation has set a target of enrolling a minimum of 300 members from each polling booth across Karnataka during the drive that will be conducted for the next 45 days. BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra launched the membership drive at the party State office here in the presence of former Deputy Chief Ministers Govind Karjol and C.N. Ashwath Narayan, among others. He said all the leaders of the BJP, including MPs and legislators, would actively participate in the membership enrolment drive.

Appeal to people

Stating that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had resolved to turn the country into a fully developed nation by 2047, Mr. Vijayendra appealed to people to strengthen his hands by enrolling in large numbers. Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy predicted that Karnataka may face the Assembly polls any time, and asked party workers to be prepared for such an eventuality.

Continue Bhagya Lakshmi: BSY

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BENGALURU

Expressing happiness that beneficiaries of the Bhagya Lakshmi bond scheme introduced by him in 2006-07 for girl children of poor families are about to reap the benefits by getting the maturity amount, former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa has urged the Congress government to continue the scheme.

In a social media post, Mr. Yediyurappa termed the introduction of the scheme by the then BJP government led by him as a "satisfying milestone" in his political career.

COURT NOTICE / SUIT SUMMONS

Hg. 25/09/2024

IN THE COURT OF XXVIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, AT BANGALORE CITY MAYO HALL UNIT (CCH-29)
FDP No. 25030/2014

BETWEEN:
Mr. Shaik Mohmood & others.
S/o Bakshi Sab @ Late Munavar Khan,
Aged about 66 years a retired HAL employee R/at: 4/2, 4th Cross,
R Sonnappa Block, Behind Church,
Benson Town Post
Bangalore-560 046 & Others
Petitioners

AND:
Mr. Mohammed Sabdar & Others
Son Late Sri. Mohammed Hyder Saheb
Aged: Major Occ: Retired Employee
Residing at No 521, Megha Beedi (Upper Street) Mysore Road, Kengeri,
Bangalore-560 060 & Others
Respondents

NOTICE/SUIT SUMMONS TO LRs OF DEFENDANT Nos. 1 (c), (e), (f), (g) and (h) U/ORDER 5 RULE 20 CPC

To:
1c. Sri.Mohammed Jamsheed
S/o Late Mohammed Sabdar
Aged about 44 years
1e. Smt. Hshrafunnisa @ Baby
D/o Late Mohammed Sabdar
Aged about 46 years
1f. Smt.Rafiunnisa @ Papuna
D/o Late Mohammed Sabdar
Aged about 44 years
1g. Smt. Taibunnisa @ Saiti
D/o Late Mohammed Sabdar
Aged about 42years
1h. Smt. Zeenathunnisa @ Sanjeeda
D/o Late Mohammed Sabdar
Aged about 40years
All the above were last resided at No. 521, Megala Beedi (Upper Street) Mysore.Road, Kengeri`,
Bengaluru - 560 060.

Whereas the above named Petitioners/ Plaintiffs/Defendants have instituted Final Decree Proceedings in the above mentioned case pursuant to the Preliminary Decree for Partition and Possession passed in O.S No. 15154/ 2001 as allowed by the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in RFA No. 1423/2005 in respect of Suit Schedule Properties covered by the Preliminary Decree.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this court on 25.09.2024 at 11.00 a.m. in person or through advocate / pleader to answer the questions to the same, failing which the above IA No. 1/22 case will be heard and determined ex-parte against you.

Given under my hand & seal of the Court, this 30th day of 8, 2024.

Name and address of the Advocate for Petitioners
L.S. Chikkanagoudar & Associates
Advocate
Off: Unit No. 25, 2nd Floor,
Sathya Palace No. 51, 2nd Main,
Palace Guttahalli,
Bangalore - 560003.
Mob: 91418 37006.

By order of the court
Sd/-
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court
Mayo Hall Unit, Bengaluru

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD
Notice Inviting Tenders (E-Tendering Process)

Sl.No	Tender Inviting Authority	Specification No.	Total
1	SE / C / PCC	03	1

For details of Works / Procurement / Due date of submission / opening, viewing and downloading of e-tenders, please visit websites: **www.tangedco.gov.in, www.tenders.tn.gov.in, www.tntenders.gov.in**

DIPR/3506/Tender/2024

KERALA BANK
PB. NO. 6515, COBANK TOWERS, VIKAS BHAVAN P.O, PALAYAM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, Pin - 695033

TENDER NOTICE

The Kerala State Co-operative Bank invites competitive quotations in E-tender mode from reputed printers for printing and supply of 54,400 Nos of Planner, 5000 Nos of Pocket Planner, 28 Nos of Executive Diary and 3,66,340 Nos. of Calendar of the Bank for the year 2025. E-tender documents containing specification, terms & conditions etc.can be obtained from e-tenders website of Kerala State Govt. (**www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**). **Tender ID: 2024_KSCB_689118_1**. Details are also available in the Bank's website: **www.keralabank.co.in**. The Tender Document Download Start Date is **06.09.2024 @ 10.00 am** and last date of submission of E-tender is on **25.09.2024 @ 6.00 pm.**
Thiruvananthapuram
04.09.2024
(Sd/-) **Chief Executive Officer**

TOWN MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SADALAGA
Taluk: Chikodi, Dist: Belagavi

S.No: TMC/SBM1.0/2024-25 Date: 04/09/2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION (KPPP- Portal)

The chief officer Town Municipal Council, Sadalga inviting item rate tender for Carrying Various Works Under Different Schemes And Supply of Goods and Materials from eligible contractors registered in PWD/ZP And other Govt department. And other venders As per the conditions of standard tender document KW-1/KW-2/KG-1. Work Indent No: 27048, 27044, 27045, 27046, 27049, 28986, 28936 for general contractor, 27047, 28934 Reserved for SC Contractor, And 27102 Reserved for ST Contractors. And Goods Indent No: 3357, 3368, 3366. Work Estimate cost Maximum: 52.49 lakhs and minimum: 1.34 lakhs. time limit : 3 months including Mansoon.

Last date for submission of filled tenders : 18/09/2024. Date of opening of Technical Bids : 20 /09/2024. Date of opening of Financial Bids :24/09/2024. For further information Login to www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in and Logon to www.sadalagatown.mrc.gov.in Or contact the TMC Office. Note: Any changes or correction in tenders will be notified in online website only.

SHRI SHIVANAND BHOSALE
Chief Officer,
TMC Sadalaga

SHRI SUBHASH S. SAMPAGAVI
Administrator
TMC Sadalaga

TAMIL NADU ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
(A Government of Tamil Nadu Undertaking)
Chennai Peripheral Ring Road Project

Tender Notice No: 03/IOCT / CPRR Section-3/EPC-04 / 2024 Dated: 23.08.2024

Corrigendum

A Corrigendum is issued for correction in tender notice published on 28.08.2024 for the work of Formation of New Six lane road from Vengathur (Design Chainage: Ch 58+200) to Sengadu (Design Chainage: Ch 68+200) with paved shoulders and two lane service road on both sides in Section-III of Chennai Peripheral Ring Road Project under Package- EPC 04 on Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) Mode including maintenance for 7 years.

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2	The tender document will be available online for free download in the e-procurement portal (website), **https://tntenders.gov.in** from **05.09.2024, 11.00 Hours** (IST) onwards.		The tender document will be available online for free download in the e-procurement portal (website), **https://tntenders.gov.in** from **18.09.2024, 11.00 Hours** (IST) onwards.	
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Sd/-
Executive Director (FAC), TNRIDC.

City's iconic percussion band to showcase all-woman ensemble at Ganesha Habba

Women from the age of 16 to 67 will perform on all 12 days of Bengaluru Ganesh Utsava, which is in its 62nd year

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BENGALURU

Ganesha Chaturthi, or Ganesha Habba as it is colloquially known, blends tradition with Bengaluru's vibrant cultural life. Music plays a pivotal role in creating a unique atmosphere in the festivities. From the soulful sounds of classical Carnatic music at temples to the lively beats of Tamate, Parai, Dhol and other folk instruments accompanying processions, music infuses the festival with energy and emotion.

A band that has been playing a pivotal role in the Ganesha habba celebrations in South Bengaluru for two decades is Beat Gurus. The band, founded by Ganeshan Govindaswamy and Prashanth Muralidhar, will perform for the 12th time at the 62nd Bengaluru Ganesh Utsava (BGU) this year from September 7 to 18, during the Maha Mangalarati at Sri Sringeri Shankar Mutt, at Shankarapuram. What will stand out this time is that the band will be represented only by women.

"Every year, about 120 men and women percussionists from Beat Gurus and 101 singers have been part of the Maha Mangalarti. The theme for BGU this year is 'Celebrating Women', and all the main performances are by women. When they told us the theme, we said we would like only women to represent Beat Gurus at BGU this year. So, 120 women will play various percussion instruments," says Ganeshan, also known as Kachu in music and theatre circles.

(Above and below) Beat Gurus performing at the 61st Bengaluru Ganesha Utsava celebration in 2023.

From across city

Kachu says that women from the age of 16 to 67 will perform on all 12 days of BGU. "The women's band is an amalgamation of artistes from various fields and homemakers. We did not want just to bring in female percussionists and ask them to perform. We wanted women from across the city to come forward and discover the talent in them. When we called for women, within two days, we had more than 150 applications. We trained all 150 applicants for a short period, conducted auditions, and short-listed 120 women," he explains.

It was hectic and challenging training amateurs, but it has been a great experience, says Kachu. "We started training them three months ago on every Sunday. All the women, especially the homemakers, are very passionate and try to give their best. Some women come from areas like K.R. Puram, Hennur, Matthikere, etc, that are very far from our rehearsal space. But no matter what their personal and professional challenges, all these women made it to the rehearsals every week. They are all now no less than professional artistes," Kachu adds.

How did it all begin

Beat Gurus was started in 1999 after Kachu came across a unique instrument at an international music event. "I come from a traditional Carnatic music background. My journey in the music industry started with me playing traditional percussion instruments for classical programmes and bhajans at temples. Once, during an event, I met many artistes from abroad, and that is when I saw the percussion instrument Djembe for the first time," he says.

Ganeshan Govindaswamy, founder of Beat Gurus.

"I fell in love with the sound, tone and shape of the instrument at the first glance. Twenty-five years ago, for a young Bengalurean to witness such an instrument was a huge deal. I got the instrument from the artist, started practising it, and like-minded friends joined me. Eventually, I discovered that the style or genre of music I was passionate about was earth music. It is something very close to nature, where no electronic instruments are used," he explains.

Kachu says that he went on to procure more Earth instruments like Didgeridoo from Australia, hand percussions like Congo, Bongo, Darbuka and many more instruments from across the globe. With all these instruments and more friends joining, Beat Gurus was formed.

Touring countries

Since 1999, Beat Gurus went on to tour several countries and hold many corporate events, festivals and cultural events. But what stands out, and what fans of the band wait for, is their energy-packed performance at the Maha Mangalarti at the BGU every year.

"The popular Indian pop-rock band Euphoria had come to perform at BGU for its 50th year. Just before their main performance, we had the opportunity to perform for an hour. Since then, we have been performing at BGU every year," he adds.

Kachu says that BGU was initially hesitant to invite them as they were a band playing only foreign instruments.

"What we did was that we collected as many international rhythms as possible and modified it for the Indian audience. We created more tracks, it became a world fusion, and we were a hit. It was the first time the audience had witnessed or heard such music on such a large scale. This is our 12th year performing at BGU and we have been the only band performing at BGU consistently," he says.

Meanwhile, Kachu says that opportunities will be open to more music lovers to be a part of the performance next year. "Every year, we have many men and women who are part of our performance at BGU and other big events. What we do is try to circulate the participants each year, so everyone gets an opportunity. Out of the 120 women performing this year, we will retain a few and give opportunities to other men and women next year. Anyone interested in being a part of the band can reach out to us on social media; if they are passionate and willing to learn, they can be a part of Beat Gurus," he says.

Focus on women this year

A glimpse of the 61st BGU celebration in 2023.

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The Bengaluru Ganesha Utsava (BGU), a vibrant and cherished cultural celebration, is now in its 62nd year. This year, the event will take place from September 7 to 18 at Shri Sringeri Shankar Math in Shankarapura. As one of Bengaluru's most anticipated festivals, the Utsava has grown over the years from a modest community gathering at a local cycle shop to a grand spectacle that attracts thousands of devotees and art enthusiasts.

This year, the event promises an even richer tapestry of music, dance, and cultural activities, reflecting the diverse spirit of Bengaluru on the theme of "Celebrating Women."

Started by Mariyappa A., G.K. Obaiah, Parama Shivanna, G.K. Gopal, T.D. Naganna, Hirannaiah, Mukund Rao and Girish S.A. in 1962 at Shivanna Cycle Shop, BGU was initially called Shree Vidyaranya Yuvaka Sangha. According to Hema, a core committee member of BGU, all the eight founders of BGU worked even post-retirement for many years, after which one of the founders' sons, Nandish Mariyappa, took charge in 2003 and is the current managing trustee.

Hema says that this year, BGU decided to honour its women by dedicating all 12 days to its female members and inviting female artistes to perform at all main events. "Each day of the Utsava is dedicated to a goddess and each female member. We even have photos of women members printed on our brochures for each day to honour them," she says.

"On all 12 days, we would have 81 concerts featuring 700 eminent female artistes from across India in this year's celebrations. We are excited to have M.D. Pallavi, Sangeetha Katti, and Archana Udupa curating our Bhakti Sangeetha sessions, alongside performances from the legendary B. Jayashree, Anuradha Paudwal, Manjamma Jogati, Bindu Malini, Kaushiki Chakraborty, Srilakshmi Belmannu, Ananya Bhat and other talented women artistes," Hema adds.

KSOU hopes to enrol more students

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

The admissions to various courses at the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) in Mysuru will close by October 31, and the university is hoping to enrol one lakh students during the July cycle of admissions during the year 2024-25. The admissions began on July 22.

Interested students can visit www.ksoumysuru.ac.in for admissions through the KSOU admission portal. After submitting the applications for admissions online, the students have to visit the regional centres for verification of their documents. They can pay admission fees online and get study materials.

The admissions have been announced for 64 graduate, post-graduate, diploma, and certificate courses. The admissions are open for BA, BCoM, BBA, BCA, BLSc, BSW, and BSc (general, home science and IT), MA, MCJ, MCoM, MLISc, MSC, MBA, MCA, MSW, and others.

Massive hairball removed from 8-year-old's stomach

The girl was suffering from severe symptoms that are linked to trichophagia or compulsive eating of hair

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

When their eight-year-old child had frequent vomiting and poor appetite, little did the parents realise that she was suffering from a rare medical condition.

Doctors at a private hospital where she was taken concluded that the girl was suffering from trichobezoar, a condition caused by trichophagia, the compulsive eating of hair also known as Rapunzel Syndrome. A team of doctors removed a massive hairball from her stomach, relieving her of the symptoms.

It started as an innocent habit. For two years, eight-year-old Aditi (name changed) from Bengaluru experienced intermittent bouts of poor appetite and frequent vomiting. Her parents, puzzled by her persistent symptoms, sought help from numerous doctors, but each diagnosis and treatment failed to bring relief.

The girl underwent open surgery to remove the hairball as it was too large and sticky to be removed endoscopically. FILE PHOTO

Initial evaluations by paediatricians, general physicians, and ENT specialists suggested gastritis, and she was prescribed multivitamins. It was not until a month ago that the puzzle began to unravel when the girl was admitted to the Paediatric Emergency at Aster Women and Children Hospital, Whitefield, Bengaluru.

After examination, it was revealed that she had a trichobezoar, which is basically a hair mass stuck inside the gastrointestinal tract. This exceptional condition resulted from severe symptoms that are linked to trichophagia – compulsive eating of hair. A medical team comprising Manjiri Somashekhar, Lead and Senior Consultant - Paediatric Surgery, Sethu Mohan K, Senior Specialist - Pediatric Surgery and Aravind A, Consultant - Paediatrics, addressed this complex case.

"Trichobezoar is an extremely rare condition and especially very rare in a child as young as Aditi. It is often associated with trichophagia, a psychological disorder where individuals eat hair. While commonly seen in adolescent girls, finding this in a much younger child is extraordinary and highlights the uniqueness of this case," said Dr Manjiri Somashekhar.

Aditi underwent open surgery to remove the hairball as it was too large and sticky to be removed endoscopically. The surgical team decided on this approach to prevent spillage into the peritoneal cavity, a choice that proved effective. The surgery lasted two and a half hours, and Aditi was hospitalised for a week for postoperative care.

Malnutrition

"If left undiagnosed, this condition could have led to severe malnutrition, anaemia, and significant bleeding from the stomach. The hairball could have embedded into the stomach lining, causing severe bleeding during removal and potentially leading to life-threatening complications such as perforation," said Dr. Mohan.

Following the surgery, Aditi was placed on a high-protein diet and partial parenteral nutrition (feeding intravenously) to address her malnutrition. She also received counselling to manage her trichophagia. A child psychologist is overseeing her mental health, with her family closely involved in the treatment plan.

The long-term prognosis for the child is positive, provided she continues to receive psychological support and regular monitoring. Preventive measures include educating parents about the signs of trichophagia, such as sparse hair in the frontal scalp area, and the importance of psychological assessment in conjunction with surgical treatment, according to a statement from the hospital.

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 5, 1974

Universities Bill: Joint Select Panel's recommendation

Bangalore, Sept. 4: The Joint Select Committee on the Karnataka State Universities Bill, 1974, has expressed the view that the office of Pro-Chancellor is not necessary. The powers conferred on Pro-Chancellor in the Bill may as well be exercised by the Chancellor (the Governor) subject to certain matters being rounded to the Chancellor through the Government. This will ensure enough Government control. The panel has also opined that the librarian may be made an officer of the University. The report of the committee was presented to the Legislature yesterday.

State's Move on Medical College Admissions

Bangalore, Sept. 4: The Health Minister, Mr. H. Siddaveerappa, told the Legislative Council to-day that the Government had proposed to seek the permission of the Government of India to admit students in fresh courses in medical colleges from January with a view to off-setting difficulties caused by the restrictions imposed on the intake of students this year. He was making a statement after the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Ramakrishna Hegde wanted to know the reasons for discontinuing the practice of having 25% of seats reserved for the government in private medical colleges.

Shake a leg Leila Alvarez (below) and her troupe at rehearsals. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Time to joust and roust

CAUSE Foundation will stage *Monty Python's Spamalot*, directed by Leila Alvares in Bengaluru this weekend

Shilpa Anandraj

The CAUSE Foundation, Bengaluru, is a non-profit organisation that is "committed to promoting local talent with profits donated to local charities (orphanages, destitute homes, animal welfare organizations and sustainable environmental ventures)," says Leila Alvares, Founder/President of the Foundation.

Leila is back in Bengaluru from her getaway in Coorg, to present the annual musical production. This time it is *Monty Python's Spamalot*. "This entertaining story of King Arthur and the Lady of the Lake and the search for the Holy Grail will delight audience."

A theatre enthusiast, Leila has brought musical productions to Bengaluru in the past including *The Sound of Music, Fiddler on the Roof, My Fair Lady, Grease, The Addams Family* and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

Monty Python's Spamalot, Leila says, was staged 13 years ago by CAUSE. "I felt it was time to stage it again. The music is great and it has been one of my better productions after *Fiddler on the roof* and *Something Rotten*. It is also one of my favourite plays, the cast has changed, there are new people in Bengaluru who would not have seen the play."

Blessed with finding good actors, Leila says, in comedy half the battle is won with the right cast. "If the actor has great comic timing, it becomes easier to work with them. I always look for a person who looks and behaves like their stage characters in real life and so does not have to act on stage."

Normally reaching out to the pool of people she already knows, Leila says, only when this fails do they audition. "The challenge with auditions is you do not know the person well, but only what they present to you. This has failed on stage at times and I try and avoid repeating the mistakes I made during auditions."

Leila runs a homestay in Coorg and comes to Bengaluru for three months every year to work on her musicals. "I often get asked if we have a theatre school. No, we don't, but work with people who are already actors and fine tune the performances."

The challenges Leila faces are non theatrical. "Rains and traffic woes, which are outside my control bother me. Finances and finding willing sponsors is difficult, but our shows do well. The Bengaluru shows cover a lot of our expenses, while ones in Goa and Mysuru strain our pockets."

This year, Leila has introduced a digital brochure. "People have to scan a QR code and download the brochure for free. Paper is precious and people generally throw away the brochures."

During the rehearsals, Leila met with an accident that left her with a black eye, swollen face, and a fractured elbow. "I missed losing my eye when I hit my forehead, just missing my temple on the edge of the stairs. The only thing running through my mind as I lay on the floor was that the show must go on. Arvind Kasturi, a member of CAUSE, is a doctor, and immediately took me to the hospital and the team continued rehearsing."

Arvind and Leila are the only ones active from the original team. "Three sadly passed away and one left the board, however he is still an active donor."

At all shows, Leila greets people before and after the show. "I hope they will not ask what has happened to me or wonder why a woman with a black eye is waving at them at the entrance!"

Monty Python's Spamalot, says Leila, will feature some of Bengaluru's finest new and old singing, acting, dancing and musical talent including Arvind, Deepa Jacob, Kieren Alvares Lynn, Rahael Thomas and Prem Koshy. "As always, we will also have a live band, directed by Aashish Paul and assisted by Sabarisha R".

The dances are choreographed/directed by Elexer Fernandes, Kieren Alvares Lynn and Keira Alvares Ganapathy.

Monty Python's Spamalot, will be staged at Chowdiah Memorial Hall, on September 6 and 8 (7.30pm on both days and 11.15am on Sunday). Tickets from ₹200 upwards on BookMyShow or call 988441 69903.

CITYBEATS

East meets West

SEPTEMBER 6 AND 7
Windmills will host the VARI Album Tour, led by Varijashree Venugopal. Varijashree has unveiled her debut original album, *VARI,* orchestrated by the Grammy-winning artiste Michael League of Snarky Puppy, and is a fusion of Indian classical and folk traditions.
At Windmills, Whitefield, 9.30pm onwards. Visit their website for details.

Take a stand

SEPTEMBER 7
Indian stand-up comedian Gurleen Pannu, will perform live in Bengaluru. Known for her sharp humour and witty storytelling, Gurleen is also a YouTuber and writer, and her stand up acts are drawn from personal experience. She uses her platform to advocate social causes.
At Phoenix Mall of Asia, 7pm onwards. Tickets available on BookMyShow

Swing with it

ONGOING
Swwing has introduced its reimagined lunch menu, with a selection of soups and small plates of dishes such as Amaranth leaf chaat, sweet potato croquettes and seared chicken with lemongrass, with dark chocolate mousse and lemon and coconut tiramisu for dessert.
At Swwing, 12th Main Road, Indiranagar. Call 7349062240 for details.

Coversations on climate

The right fight It is time to protect the planet. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

As the world grapples with the increasing frequency of natural disasters – fires, floods, storms, and cloudbursts – the urgency to address climate change has never been more pressing.

These events impact every aspect of our lives, from our health and well-being to our work and families. The root cause is clear: human activities, particularly the burning of fossil fuels and the destruction of nature, are driving the alarming acceleration of global warming.

In an effort to raise awareness and promote understanding, Rajan Mehta's book *Backstage Climate* aims to demystify the complex science, politics, and economics behind climate change.

The book not only sheds light on the grim reality we face but also offers insights into the policies, technologies, and solutions that could help mitigate the crisis.

Rajan has been a serial tech entrepreneur and earlier worked with companies such as Motorola and Nortel in senior positions in the telecom sector. He is currently building Climate Action Labs to research and push initiatives that can help avoid a climate crisis.

The discussion between him and Prem Panicker, Consulting Editor, IndiaSpend, will explore the intricate connections between global warming, its causes, and potential solutions. Following the conversation, attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a Q&A session.

On September 6 at Bangalore International Centre, from 6.30pm to 8pm. Entry free on a first-come, first-served basis. RSVP is recommended to secure a spot.

Colour spins out in a new dimension

Ruth Dhanaraj

Is Tarah, an exhibition of new whiff paintings by Amitabh Ashesh which recently concluded at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, was the first of a two-part series of his work that the artist is displaying in the city. The second, titled Is Tarah Bhi, will be showcased at Bangalore International Centre.

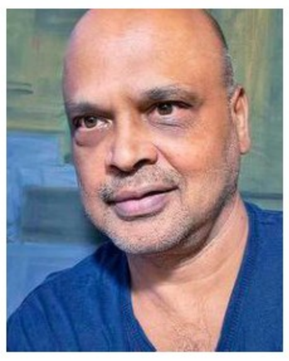
After spending years pursuing a passion, one develops a signature style, an artistic fingerprint unique to themselves. "You're looking for new ways to create a new kind of image," says Amitabh Ashesh.

The Pune-based artist who will be showing his work in Bengaluru says he has developed a one-of-a-kind artistic form. "Art work is usually classified as figurative, still life, landscape and so on. My work is an attempt to transpose attributes of one on to the other," says Amitabh.

His style is the result of about a decade of work, he says, adding, "The paintings I'm showing are examples of stylized realism. Though some are more traditional, it is a new class of imagery based on compositional principles that I have developed. A major part of the work is new and its compositional structure is quite different from what has been seen thus far."

Amitabh elaborates on how his work introduces new concepts and principles. "A composition may be in parts figurative, with an integration of other elements taken from across genres, such as a landscape."

He goes on to explain how in one of his works, there is a woman sitting by the beach and she has sailboats for shoes and waves for a skirt. "You can't tell if this woman represents a human character or Nature because the presence of natural elements is so pronounced," he says, adding, "There are a number of innovational elements that are a part of my visual language. Space is warped and planes are angular."



Describing another of his works titled Coral Rain which depicts a girl enjoying the rain in front of skyscrapers, he says, "The trajectory of the rain is ornamental and the raindrops take on the form of garlands. Rain flows across the city and the wind not only blows on trees, but also on windows that tilt and sway because of the breeze."

More than meets the eye Artist Amitabh Ashesh and his works. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Amitabh has named his 'conceptual departure' of art, Yufism. "Yufism is an ideational platform and not an aesthetic style. Much like a blueprint, it represents the base or the compositional structure of a painting. Using the same blueprint, one can construct a house with concrete and steel, while another could use glass or mud."

"Using that structure, I may choose an aesthetic style that is traditional or soft and rounded or edgy, but they will have the same underlying structure."

Amitabh says almost all of his work is accompanied by a few lines of poetry he has penned, "that capture some of its essence," adding that in his work, "women are represented in avant-garde ways."

The artist, who was formerly in the advertising sector, says the reason behind breaking his Bengaluru exhibition into two segments at different venues, was to cater to different audiences. About 50% of his work is on paper using charcoal and pastels, while the other half is oil on canvas.

Though his talent was recognised when he was still a child, Amitabh came into his own as an artist when he made a switch in his career and studied painting at Stanford University in California. The Bay Area figurative movement leaders who mentored him, further influenced his creativity and thinking.

"It has been a long journey; it has taken a great deal of learning and hard work, in the pursuit of an interest," says the artist talking about the show, which has been curated by Carmela Brunetti, an art historian and CEO of ArtonWorld, in Rome.

While Is Tarah was shown at Chitra Kala Parishad from July 21 to 26 , Is Tarah Bhi will be displayed at Bangalore International Centre from September 7 to 11, before moving to Mumbai's Kamalnayan Bajaj Gallery as Isee Tarah from October 27 to 31.

How can subordinate officer probe one above him: Anvar

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Left Democratic Front Independent legislator P.V. Anvar appeared deeply sceptical about the continuation of the Additional Director-General of Police, Law and Order, M.R. Ajith Kumar, in office despite Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan announcing a special team on Tuesday to probe the accusations the ruling front MLA had raised against the ranking officer.

When asked how subordinate officers could investigate someone above them in the pecking order, he replied: "My guess is as good as yours. How can a school peon investigate the headmaster accused of wrongdoing when the latter is in the saddle? I am in no hurry and trust the Chief Minister and the CPI (M) to take the correct decision." Mr. Anvar said he risked being portrayed as a liar if the probe team did a dishonest job. Depicting himself as a whistleblower, Mr. Anvar said that he would closely track the probe and go public if the team veered away from the truth to save those at the top of law enforcement.

He termed his disclosures and subsequent complaints to Mr. Vijayan and CPI(M) State secretary M.V. Govindan a revolutionary act. He claimed that he gave voice to lakhs of party workers and the public who wanted it to return to power in the State for a third consecutive term.

As SBI, PNB repay ₹22 cr., State govt. withdraws circular severing ties

Owing to a requests by both banks, on August 16, the government decided to keep the circular in abeyance for 15 days

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a major victory for the Karnataka government, the State Bank of India (SBI) and Punjab National Bank (PNB) have repaid ₹22.67 crore of embezzled money, along with a year's interest, according to sources in the State Secretariat.

Following repayment of the amount, the government has decided to withdraw its earlier circular, severing ties with both banks, sources said.

In the circular, the State government had asked all departments, boards/corporations, universities, local bodies, and public sector undertakings to sever relations with SBI and PNB. FILE PHOTO

What the circular said

In the circular dated August 12, the Karnataka government had asked all the State departments, boards/corporations, universities, local bodies, and public sector undertakings to sever relations with both banks.

This followed SBI and PNB not cooperating with the government in recovering ₹22 crore that was embezzled. However, following the requests by banks, on August 16, the Karnataka government decided to keep the circular in abeyance for 15 days.

Sources on Wednesday said that SBI had paid back ₹9.67 crore, and PNB had returned ₹13 crore, along with one year's interest, subject to the outcome of the court cases. The Finance Department has decided to continue to pursue the banks for recovery of interest, sources said.

The government had held talks with both banks following the alleged fraud in the bank branches, which resulted in non-repayment of fixed deposits made by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) and the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB). The issues have remained unresolved since 2012-2013.

Cases cited

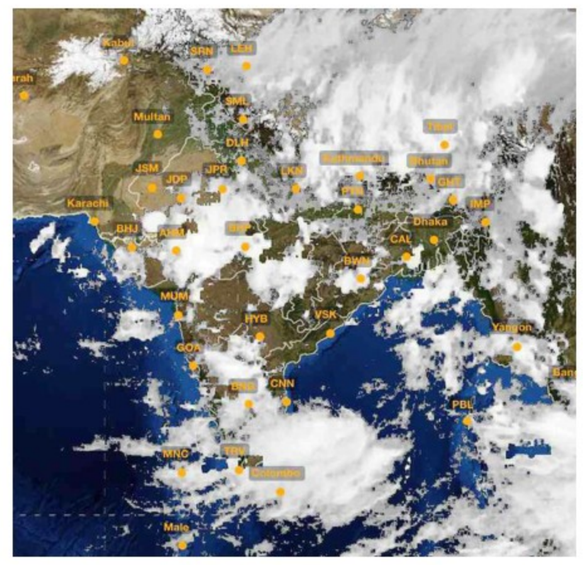
As cited in the August 12 circular, KIADB had kept ₹25 crore in PNB, Rajajinagar branch, as a Fixed Deposit (FD) in September 2011. While one FD of ₹13 crore had been encashed, another FD of ₹12 crore had not been returned to the government, citing irregularities committed by the bank officials.

The other instance cited related to SBI, Avenue Road branch, in which the FD of ₹10 crore opened in August 2013 had been diluted by bank officials before the completion of the term.

Based on forged documents, the money had been adjusted with a loan account of a private company. The case is also in court after multiple meetings and communications with the bank failed, the circular noted.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.00 HRS)

Forecast for Thursday: Heavy to very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam, Telangana; Squally weather with wind speed reaching 45 kmph to 55 kmph gusting to 65 kmph is likely to prevail over some parts of south and central Bay of Bengal

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	35.4	26.7	Kozhikode	14.0	34.0	25.2
Ahmedabad	0.5	32.0	25.5	Kurnool	37.0	30.8	23.8
Aizawl	—	32.4	24.0	Lucknow	—	36.8	28.9
Allahabad	—	37.7	28.2	Madurai	—	39.0	25.7
Bengaluru	—	28.6	20.8	Mangaluru	11.0	29.7	24.5
Bhopal	0.8	31.9	24.4	Mumbai	1.0	32.0	26.7
Bhubaneswar	—	34.5	25.5	Mysuru	—	30.0	—
Chandigarh	36.0	32.2	24.2	New Delhi	0.3	32.2	25.2
Chennai	—	34.1	25.2	Patna	—	35.2	28.2
Coimbatore	—	33.2	23.2	Port Blair	43.0	29.4	23.3
Dehradun	15.0	27.4	23.2	Puducherry	—	32.7	24.7
Gangtok	0.1	23.4	18.0	Pune	—	30.5	24.3
Goa	21.0	31.7	25.8	Raipur	—	33.8	25.8
Guwahati	28.0	35.1	24.6	Ranchi	—	32.2	23.2
Hubballi	—	28.0	23.0	Shillong	—	24.9	16.5
Hyderabad	55.0	26.7	21.8	Shimla	32.0	25.4	19.2
Imphal	—	31.9	21.7	Srinagar	—	29.6	18.2
Jaipur	19.0	31.0	23.8	Thiruvananthapuram	2.0	32.2	25.2
Kochi	13.0	30.6	25.0	Tiruchi	—	36.0	26.8
Kohima	19.0	28.5	17.4	Vijayawada	38.0	29.7	24.8
Kolkata	7.0	35.8	27.4	Visakhapatnam	—	32.3	26.7

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.39	..18	23	 35	54	.....
Bengaluru	.12	..19	31	 30	...140	.....
Chennai	...5	..24	13	 62	57	.....
Delhi	...3	..86	84	 61	...132	.....
Hyderabad	...9	..46	77	 24	48	.....
Kolkata	.12	..67	25	 30	49	.....
Lucknow	.10	..10	40	 82	53	.....
Mumbai	...2	...9	28	 50	74	.....
Pune	.10	..22	81	 41	43	.....
Visakhapatnam	...9	..35	25	 77	89	.....

Yesterday

Going by Central Pollution Control Board data, Sawai Madhopur in Rajasthan had the worst AQI with PM2.5 pollution levels touching 183. While Sasaram in Bihar had the best AQI with PM10 levels at just 15.

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

I am not in any kind of race, clarifies Deshpande

The Hindu Bureau
HUBBALLI/BELAGAVI

Chairman of the Karnataka Administrative Reforms Commission R.V. Deshpande on Wednesday clarified that he was not in any kind of race and Siddaramaiah would be the Chief Minister for the remainder of the current Assembly's term. Mr. Deshpande told presspersons in Dharwad that under the leadership of Mr. Siddaramaiah, the government was functioning effectively and none had any qualm about his leadership.

On Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan's statement that everyone would have the desire to become Chief Minister, Mr. Deshpande said that "desire and greed" were different and there was no scope for becoming greedy.

On Minister Satish Jarkiholi's meeting with Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, he said his meeting was limited to seeking grants for projects in the State.

Meanwhile, Laxman Savadi, Congress MLA, said in Athani on Tuesday that he would welcome it if Mr. Jarkiholi were to become the Chief Minister.

"I would be happy with any leader from Belagavi becoming the Chief Minister. I would be all the more happy if Satish Jarkiholi becomes the Chief Minister. I would welcome it wholeheartedly," he told reporters who met him in his home.

HC closes Ranjith's anticipatory bail plea

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Wednesday closed a petition filed by filmmaker and former Chairperson of the Kerala Chalachitra Academy Ranjith, seeking anticipatory bail in a case registered on a complaint by a Bengali actor for outraging her modesty in view of the submission by the prosecutor that the offence charged against him was bailable during the time of incident in 2009.

Mr. Ranjith has been booked under Section 354 of the IPC. Justice C.S. Dias passed the order after the public prosecutor submitted that the section was amended and the offence was made non-bailable from 2013.

The petitioner said the alleged incident took place 15 years ago and hence, his custodial interrogation was not warranted.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, (East Zone,Lakes), Room No.309, 3rd Floor, Annex-3 building, BBMP Head Office, N.R .Square, Bengaluru-560 002

No: EE/Lakes/East/TN-02/2024-25 Date: 03.09.2024

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)-Two Cover
(Short term Tender Notification) (Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

Tenders on item rate basis are invited by the undersigned for the work mentioned below from the registered contractors of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike or equivalent registration with CPWD/KPWD/ Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.
The Tender Document can be downloaded from the GoK Karnataka Public procurement portal **(http://Kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** on payment of prescribed fee noted against each item of work (non refundable) in the form of e-Payment through KPPP Platform. The Tenderer should accompany a copy of the Valid Registration Certificate and shall be submitted through KPPP (Standard Tender Bid Document).

Sl. No.	Name of the Work/Value of Work (in Lakhs)/EMD in Rupees.
1	Construction of waste weir and sluice gate and development near Jalakanteshwara side in Kaggadasapura lake. Value of Work (in Lakhs) : **400.00,** EMD (in Rupees)**: 4,82,000/-.**

Calendar of events:
1) Availability of Tender Documents : **06.09.2024 after 10.00 hours. 2)** Pre-bid meeting : **13.09.2024 at 3:00 PM. 3)** Last Date & Time for receipt of Tenders : **21.09.2024 upto 16:00 hours. 4)** Opening of Technical bid: **23.09.2024 at 16:30 hours. 5)** Opening of Financial bid : **After approval of Technical bid**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, (East Zone, Lakes), BBMP.

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD
Office of the Chief Engineer (Design & QA), 9th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore-560 009.

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(Only through kpp portal)

BWSSB invites tender from registered Agencies for the following works.

Sl. No.	Division	IFT Number	Amount put to tender / EMD Amount	Last date & time for receipt of tender	Date & time for opening of tender
1	Borewell	BWSSB/ EBWTE/AE/ 2559/ 2024-25 Date: 31.08.2024	Rs.60,22,137/- / Rs.1,20,500/-	19.09.2024 upto 4.00 pm	21.09.2024 at 4.00 pm

Sd/- Executive Engineer (Borewell)

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For further details contact the undersigned office during working hours.
DIPR/CP/1849/AKAR/2024-25

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, DHARWAD
Estate Branch, Krishinagar, Dharwad - 580005 (Karnataka)
Phone : 0836-2214384 / 231, E-mail : spo@uasd.in

No: Ex.O/EO/Tender-eproc-03/2024-25 Date: 29-08-2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement portal)

University of Agricultural Sciences, Dharwad is inviting tender for procurement of Lab / Scientific Equipments, & etc., through e-procurement portal. The registered authorized suppliers are requested to visit the website **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and download the documents for participation in the tender. **Last Date & Time for receipt of Tender: 01-10-2024 (Tuesday) till 04.00 PM**. Other Schedule of Events can be availed in the e-Portal. For more details please contact: **0836-2214231** during office hours.
Tenderers need to register with e-procurement portal of Govt. of Karnataka B'lore, For details of registration please contact Ph. No: **080-46010000.** Bidders are requested to get updated with the corrigendum / addendum (if any) issued online at the following link in the entire tender process. **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/Dharwad/347/Adverto/2024-25

Sd/- ESTATE OFFICER
UAS, Dharwad

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure-Mahadevapura Division, BBMP, No.97/D, 2nd Floor, Krishna Shine Building, Old Airport Road, Maratahalli Bridge, Bengaluru - 560 037.

No: EE/RI/MPura/TEND/01/2024-25 Date: 04.09.2024

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER(IFT)
(Two Cover System)(Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure-Mahadevapura, BBMP invites proposals for the consultancy services for the work detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the work
1	Consultancy services for Preparation of Detailed Project Report for the work of "Construction of ROB cum extended Viaduct at km 195/700-800 for 150 feet CDP road near Panathur in Mahadevapura Constituency. **EMD:** Rs.5.00 Lakhs. **Period of Completion:** Three Months.

Calendar of Events: 1) Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP Portal of GOK from **06.09.2024 onwards**. 2) Pre-bid meeting will be held on **13.09.2024 at 16:00 hrs.** in the Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure-Mahadevapura, BBMP. 3) Last date for receipt of Queries: **12.09.2024**. 4) Last date for receipt of Tenders: **21.09.2024 upto 16.00 hrs.** 5) Opening of Technical Proposal: **23.09.2024 at 16.00 hrs.**
Further details can be had from the office of the above during office hours on all working days or from the KPP Portal website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
RI-Mahadevapura Division, BBMP

Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited
(A wholly owned Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN: U04010KA2002SGC030438)

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal)

General Manager (Civil), corporate office, BESCOM invites tender for the following works through E-Procurement mode only.

Sl. No.	Work Estimate Number	Name of the work	Approximate Amount put to tender (Excluding GST) in Rs. Lakhs	Last Date for Submission of Tenders
1	BESCOM/2024-25/ BD/WORK_ INDENT 200	Construction of Cable sub division office at Jayanagar Division, BESCOM, Bengaluru.	171.94	23.09.2024
2	BESCOM/2024-25/ BD/WORK_ INDENT 201	Construction of Divisional store of south circle and store yard at HSR Division office premises, HSR layout, BESCOM, Bengaluru.	286.55	08.10.2024
3	BESCOM/2024-25/ BD/WORK_ INDENT 202	Construction of Sub-Division office, MT Sub-Division office and Work unit Sub-Division office building and other allied work at BESCOM Colony premises, Harihara	177.89	23.09.2024
4	BESCOM/2024-25/ BD/WORK_ INDENT 203	Construction of Residential quarters Block-I (8 tenaments) for Lineman at BESCOM New colony premises, Chitradurga.	321.87	08.10.2024
5	BESCOM/2024-25/ BD/WORK_ INDENT 204	Construction of Rural sub division office building at Yeluvahalli, Chikkaballapura	211.85	08.10.2024
6	BESCOM/2024-25/ BD/WORK_ INDENT 205	Construction of Staircase, Lift and Records room with Mobile rack Compactor for Block I building duly dismantling exsisting staircase and other allied works at Corporate office, BESCOM, Bengaluru.	135.42	23.09.2024

Further details of the tender can be obtained from website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink "E-Procurement" on or after **05.09.2024.**

Sd/- The General Manager (Civil), Corporate Office, BESCOM, K.R. Circle, Bengaluru-560001.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Sri. K.C. Muniswamy, is the present owner of the Property bearing No.268(EWS), B.T.M. Layout, II Phase, Bangalore-76. He has acquired the said property from its previous owner Smt. Chinnathayamma, under a Registered Decree in O.S. No.4407/1997 on 29/10/1999, vide Document No.BNG(U)-JNR-932/1999-2000, Book-I, and is stored in ICD003, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Jayanagar, Bangalore.
Sri. K.C. Muniswamy has lost all the previous Documents namely, 1) Allotment Letter for the Site No.268 and 2) Registered Deed of Sale dated 28/08/1986, vide Document No.1160/1986-87. If any person find the above said Original Document kindly return it to the below signed person, within Ten days from the date of this publication.

Sri. VIJAYANAND
ADVOCATE
No.26, IAS Colony, 5th 'B' Cross, 16th Main, BTM Layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560076 Mob.9741234099

(Public Works Department)
Chikkaballapur Division, Chikkaballapur

Invitation for Tender (I.F.T) No.07/2024-25
Date: 02.09.2024

(For Land Plan survey Works –As per standard Bid Document KW 3 in two cover system).

On behalf of The Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 2000, the undersigned invite tenders for works in two cover system through KPP Portal from eligible contractors registered in PWD. Those interested in participating in the tender can submit the tenders **from Date: 02.09.2024 to 09.09.2024 upto 04:00 pm**. Further details may be obtained from the above office during hours on works days or from websites **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Chikkaballapur
DIPR/CHIKKABALLAPUR/R.O.NO:169/KSMCA/2024-25

Government of Karnataka
Office of the, Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari

No.PWD/EE/Bly/TS-4/2334/2024-25 Date : 04.09.2024

Short Term Tender Notification

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division, Bellary invites the tenders for the works detailed in the table from the eligible contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department, through Karnataka Public Procurement portal (KPPP). Two cover tender procedure as per KTPP Act shall be followed. The tender documents can be downloaded from the web-site https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. For any additional information the tenderers may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours.

Note : For any changes either in tender dates or any other conditions and also if re-tendered, tenderers can view in KPP portal.**TABLE**

Sl No	Details of Works	Amount of Estimate (Rs. in Lakhs)
	5054-(Plan)-Improvements to MDRs :	
1)	PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT14086	100.00
2)	PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT12471	350.00
	5054-(Plan)-Renewals to MDRs	
3)	PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT14686	115.00
4)	PWD/2024-25/RD/WORK_INDENT14823	120.00

The Tender Events are as under:
2) Last dates for queries (through e-procurement portal) **10-09-2024 upto 12.00 Hours**
3) Last date for submission of tenders through KPP portal **12-09-2024 upto 16.00 Hours**
4) Date and time of opening of Technical Bids. **13-09-2024 at 16.30 Hours in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari**

DIPR/Ballari/416/KSMCA/2024-25

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Ballari.

Government of Karnataka
AYUSH DEPARTMENT
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No. Ayush/02/EST(1)2021(Part-1) Date: 22-08-2024

RE-NOTIFICATION-2

Applications have been invited as per Directorate Notification **No.Ayush/02/EST1/2021(Part1)**Dated 05.02.2024 and corrigendum notification No. **Ayush/02/staff(1)2021(Part-1)** Dated : 07.02.2024 and Department's Re-notification No. **Ayush/02/EST(1)/2021(Part-1)** Dated : 10.06.2024 for filling up the required posts of Consultants Teachers from the candidates possessing BAMS & BUMS degree with post graduate qualification (MD/MS) in the respective system and subject from recognised university and included in the 2nd schedule of IMCC Act 1970 for Government Ayurvedic Medical College, Bangalore, Shivamogga, Ballari and Government Unani Medical College, Bangalore under the Department of AYUSH as per NCISM norms for these institutions on consultant basis. It was also mentioned that the applicants should have experience of teaching at a high level for the post of professors and associate professors. And this appointment is on the basis of eligibility with reservation (Roster cum Merit) and is a temporary appointment for a period of 11 months or only till filling up of posts through KPSC /any other agencies notified by the Govt. It was clarified that more details about the posts were published on the website of the department **www.ayush.karnataka.gov.in.**

1. Assistant Professor : Rs. 40,000/- Per Month/-
2. Associate Professor : Rs. 45,000/- Per Month/-
3. Professor : Rs. 45,000/- Per Month/-

In furtherance of this re-notification candidates have submitted applications only for the reservation of some of the posts invited. Therefore, a re-notification-2 is being issued inviting applications again for reservation of posts for which applications have not been received or eligible candidates have not been selected.
Further details, regarding Number of Posts, Subject, Eligibility, Reservation and Format for Application as per re-Notification are available on the website: **www.ayush.karnataka.gov.in**
Last date for applying is **09.09.2024 at 5.00 pm**,

Sd/-
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Trading up

World Bank's growth prognosis for India moots some policy shifts

In its latest India Development Update, the World Bank has raised its 2024-25 GDP growth forecast for the economy to 7%, from 6.6% estimated earlier this year. The projection is now in sync with predictions from the International Monetary Fund and Asian Development Bank, but a tad lower than the 7.2% uptick projected by the RBI and Fitch Ratings. Earlier growth hopes for India were slightly modest, partly due to its strong 8.2% growth last year, and prospects of the global economy staying weak due to restrictive monetary policies and persistent geopolitical tensions. The World Bank estimates global growth to be the same as last year's 2.6% pace, way below pre-pandemic levels. Despite this subdued external environment and the dissipation of post-COVID-19 rebound effects, the Bank's economists now expect India's growth to remain strong this year at 7%. However, external risks could cloud this, including pressures on supply chains and commodity prices, and a resurgence of inflation that could compel central banks to hold interest rates 'higher for longer'.

The Bank expects private consumption to rise 5.7% and the farm sector to grow 4.1% this year, from last year's anaemic trends. A recovery in farms could offset a slight moderation in industrial growth, and revive weak rural demand and help bolster private investment in the medium term, with GDP growth expected to hover in the 6.5%-6.7% range in coming years. On India's imperative to generate non-farm jobs, the Bank acknowledged ideas such as the Production Linked Incentive schemes to support private manufacturing investments, and the new Employment-Linked Incentives. But these may not be able to generate the scale of activity India needs to engage its young workforce. The Bank has emphasised the need for a rethink on India's approach to a critical growth engine – trade. India's global trade share does not match its economy's size, and it is yet to capitalise on the opportunity presented by China's withdrawal from labour-intensive production or the much-vaunted 'China plus one' global reset. A concern is a decline in export-related jobs over the past decade, flagged by the Bank, coinciding with a shift towards capital- and skill-intensive exports. While trade facilitation steps and the pursuit of free trade agreements are commendable, some like the one with EFTA have limited potential, it noted. Progress has been hampered by new barriers to goods, services and investments, and it has called for a new strategic trade plan that reduces tariffs, non-tariff barriers as well as FDI curbs, and a rethink of the reluctance towards multilateral/ plurilateral pacts such as the RCEP. Policymakers must heed this prescription in earnest, and urgently.

Death for rape

Homes and workplaces must first be made safe for women

The cry for the death penalty after every heinous sexual crime, and governments yielding to it by issuing ordinances or passing Bills, have become fairly commonplace. The criminal laws were amended in 2013 after the brutal rape of a woman in Delhi; subsequently, States including Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Arunachal Pradesh have sought amendments for enhanced punishment for sexual assault. On Tuesday, the West Bengal Assembly unanimously passed The Aparajita Women and Child (West Bengal Criminal Laws Amendment) Bill, 2024, by a voice vote, following the rape and murder of a doctor at a government hospital in Kolkata on August 9 and a persistent clamour for justice. The Bill introduces the death penalty or life-long imprisonment for rape by amending the relevant sections in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the new penal code. In fact, death has been sought to be prescribed for five offences – rape; rape by police officer or public servant; rape causing death or sending victim to persistent vegetative state; gang rape, and being a repeat offender. It also amends the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita to provide for special courts to try such offences in a time-bound manner, and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, to provide for death in cases of penetrative sexual assault and its aggravated form. The President's assent will be required for the State amendments.

There is little evidence that awarding the death penalty is a deterrent against sexual offences, but the call for more stringent laws after such crimes often evokes an official response. By stating that "rape is a curse against humanity and social reforms are required to prevent such crimes," Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee herself put a question mark on the need for a Bill that leans on legal sanction rather than seeking a change in societal mindsets. The Justice J.S. Verma Committee had said it was not inclined to recommend the death penalty for rape even for the rarest of rare cases, arguing that "...seeking of [the] death penalty would be a regressive step in the field of sentencing and reformation". However, death penalty was introduced subsequently for rape of girls under 12 and gangrape of those under 18; but women are far from feeling safer. It is also a tragedy that the cruel death in Bengal has become a political slugfest between the Centre and the State. The onus is on every government to ensure that laws are implemented effectively, and the police work without bias to prevent and punish sexual assault. Justice will be better served if barriers to women's advancement are removed by first making workplaces and homes safe for them.

Sub-classification verdict through Ambedkar's ideals

The Supreme Court of India judgment, on August 1, 2024, in *The State of Punjab and Ors. vs Davinder Singh and Ors.*, on the sub-classification of reservations, embodies the vision of social jurisprudence. It is a noteworthy development in Indian jurisprudence, especially in social justice. The judgment provides social jurisprudence using constitutional methods and ensures that social justice reaches the most neglected and deprived sections (which includes a majority of Dalit castes) among Dalits. The idea of sub-classification also aligns with B.R. Ambedkar's principles of fraternity and Maitri, emphasising the need for cooperation and mutual respect among Scheduled Castes (SC). However, the overreaching exercise of the judgment, reflected in the comments on the *varna* system and creamy layer, is uncalled for.

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Social justice and B.R. Ambedkar's struggle

B.R. Ambedkar struggled all his life to ensure social and civil justice for the most oppressed sections. He also sought to secure separate cultural rights for former untouchables. Yet, these were often met with inadequate responses and resistance from the prevailing Hindu caste order. While reflecting on the Indian social structure, Ambedkar highlights how every *jati* occupies a distinct position on the social ladder. It draws attention to the nuances of internal divisions within the caste order. A newspaper of his times reported Ambedkar's response to "the welcome addresses by three scheduled castes' organisations after the resolutions were disposed of at the Scheduled Castes' Conference, held at Cawnpore on January 31[,] 1944... He (Ambedkar) urged that they (Scheduled Castes) must realise their responsibility to wipe out internal divisions among the Scheduled Castes when they demanded of other's removal of Untouchability".

His contribution to social justice goes beyond theoretical exercise. His practical measures to dismantle the caste hierarchy have been remarkable. He led movements such as the Mahad Satyagraha and the Kalaram temple entry movement, that highlighted the ritual discrimination faced by Dalits. Despite such efforts, Brahminical forces often undermined his quest for a just society. Yet, amid such challenges, Ambedkar's perseverance in fighting for justice in a hierarchical society illustrates his deep commitment.

In a media interview, Shahu Patole, who wrote a book on Dalit food in Marathawada, observed that different *jatis* experience varying degrees of discrimination. While talking about his experiences in the village, he says that "Mang was considered the lowest, above them were the Mahars. Mang and Mahars were deemed untouchable by Chamars, and the rest of the villages did not touch these communities". This affirms the existence of graded inequality, which Ambedkar also asserted in his sociological treatise.

These suggest the need for a more nuanced approach to social justice, which the Court's sub-classification judgment seeks to address – at least partly. This judgment can be interpreted through Ambedkar's social justice ideals. It underlines the existence of different lived realities of numerous *jatis* that experience levels of deprivation and discrimination. Thus, the judgment aims to mitigate the inequality within the SC community by addressing such heterogeneity. This is precisely where the judgment demonstrates the idea of social jurisprudence to the core because it takes into account the different sociological realities of every *jati*.

> The top court's judgment takes into account the different sociological realities of every 'jati' with the aim of addressing the disparity within Scheduled Castes

Criticism from within

Even though it has still to be implemented in various States, the sub-classification decision has drawn criticism from some Dalit communities, especially from leading segments of Dalits who feel their political leverage might diminish. This fear results from the assumption that the sub-classification judgment might fragment the Dalit constituency and weaken the collective Dalit movement. Sadly, this argument also assumes that there is a single Dalit movement. In contrast, many sociological accounts show that there have always been different shades of Dalit politics, as reflected in the many Dalit movements.

However, this argument by the leading segments among Dalits discounts the underlying Ambedkarite consciousness of various shades of Dalit politics. In this context, 30 years of the Madiga Dandora movement are misrepresented as being detached from the sphere of an Ambedkarite consciousness. Even the movements and mobilisations of the Mang caste in Maharashtra have Ambedkar's picture alongside that of Lokshahir Annabhau Sathe among other leaders. This symbolises how every caste's issue may be different when they deal with other castes but are unified in the larger Ambedekarite idea of social justice.

The Bharat bandh called for by specific Dalit organisations in North India was a misstep that could affect the collective identity and mobilisation of Dalit castes. While the sub-classification debate in North India faces criticism, the situation is a bit different in South India. There, the discussion about subclassification among Dalits has largely been resolved, with most Dalit organisations supporting the demand for sub-categorisation among SCs.

The criticism from North Indian Dalit organisations – they argue that the judgment might create divisions within the Dalit movement – reflects a misunderstanding of the existing social structures among Dalits. Supporting the sub-classification movement and embracing its potential benefits for enhancing social justice politics at the *jati* level would be a mature approach. More importantly, sub-classification could strengthen the collective identity of SCs, furthering the Ambedkarisation process by including those on the margins. It would also align with the principles of equitable representation articulated by leaders such as Manyavar Kanshiram, who advocated *Jiski Jitni Sankhya Bhari Uski Utni Hissedari*, an idea of representation based on numerical strength.

Reflection of a long struggle, realities

The leading segments among SCs must avoid demeaning the relentless struggles of the marginalised communities, such as the Valmikis and Musahars in North India, and the Madigas and Arunthathiyars in the South. This is because the judgment is not an imposition from above but a reflection of years of grass-root activism and demands for sub-categorisation. It is a testament to the ongoing struggle for justice led by organisations such as the Madiga Reservation Porata Samithi (MRPS), conferences of the Mang community in Maharashtra, and the Valmiki movements in North India.

There is much concern about its execution. Though history also tells us about the success of the sub-classification model in Punjab and Haryana before the Chinnaiah judgment in 2004, which is an example of how such measures can work in practice. Despite criticism from some quarters, it is essential to recognise that the judgment is grounded in a historical struggle for equitable representation and justice.

The judges' affirmation was essential because it established that the SC category is not homogeneous but consists of distinct *jatis* with varying needs and challenges. The trajectories of *jatis* go beyond the idea of caste essentialism, and their behaviours are also in response to other *jatis*. On the other hand, recognition of the sociological fact that the SC community represents a union of *jatis* within their structures is a significant step towards addressing the nuanced needs of each group. The assumption that the SC is one homogeneous group fails in the face of prohibitions on inter-marriage even within the community. These are hard sociological facts that one must not deny.

Finally, while challenges remain about accepting this judgment, it is essential to recognise its potential to enhance social justice to the core and promote equitable representation of all Dalit castes. Embracing this judgment with the spirit of fraternity, as Ambedkar envisioned, will be crucial in achieving a more just and inclusive society that ultimately leads to the democratisation of the reservation system. While upholding Dalit civility and addressing the creamy layer issue with due seriousness, the collective Ambedkarite movement must also prevent political parties from exploiting this judgment for their gains.

In addition, the movement should broaden its focus beyond traditional reservation policies. Key initiatives should include advocating the extension of reservation policies to the private sector and pursuing land redistribution. These steps are crucial for advancing representation and securing material benefits for all Dalit communities.

Gap between allocations for health, outcomes in States

The realisation of the full potential of the allocations in the Union Budget for the health sector hinges on many State-level parameters. Many of these allocations are for Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), wherein the States not only share a substantial part of the cost but are also responsible for their implementation. The fiscal space and operational frameworks at the State-level have a strong bearing on the efficacy of the Budget allocations on such schemes.

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Currently, two major CSS initiatives are being pursued by the central government to strengthen physical health infrastructure in States: the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), and Human Resources for Health and Medical Education (HRHME). The first is aimed at building health and wellness centres (AB-HWCs), developing block-level public health units (BPHUs), and having integrated district public health laboratories (IDPHLs) and critical care hospital blocks (CCHBs) in each district. The goal is to improve India's preparedness for future emergencies such as pandemics. The second initiative strives to scale up medical personnel by establishing new medical, nursing and paramedical colleges and also increasing seats in colleges. Another important aspect is to also strengthen and upgrade district hospitals and attach them to newly established medical colleges at the district level.

> Fiscal space and good operational frameworks at the State-level could make a difference to the efficacy of the Budget allocations for health schemes

Low fund utilisation

Estimates of central expenditure on these initiatives in the last three Budgets indicate a lacklustre performance in fund absorption. In PM-ABHIM, the ratio of 'Actual' expenditures to 'Budget Estimate' of the CSS component was only around 29% in 2022-23. In 2023-24, the 'Revised Estimate' was about 50% of the Budget Estimate, but is expected to be lower in the 'Actuals'. In HRHME too, the utilisation of funds was only around a quarter of the Budget estimates in both 2022-23 and 2023-24. Interestingly, perhaps due to low utilisation, the Budget allocations for both PM-ABHIM and HRHME have been slashed in the full Budget when compared to the interim Budget.

There could be several factors behind the low utilisation of funds under PM-ABHIM. First, in the AB-HWC component, around 60% of the resource envelope was to be sourced from the health grants recommended by the 15th Finance Commission, as in the scheme's operational guidelines. A recent study by the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy indicates that only around 45% of the 15th Finance Commission health grants were utilised in the period 2021-22 to 2023-24. Discussions with State government officials indicate that the complex execution structure of these grants has posed hurdles in its utilisation. Second, in the component of IDPHLs, States were required to integrate public health laboratories under different vertical programmes to avoid duplication. This entailed extensive reorganisation of the existing implementing structure at the State-level, requiring significant planning, streamlining and coordinated efforts. Third, nearly all components, including the BPHUs and CCHBs, involve construction, where fund absorption is often delayed by rigid procedures. Overlap of funding from multiple sources for certain scheme components with similar activities has created an additional layer of complexity.

Faculty shortage

Under the HRHME, even if allocations for physical infrastructure were better utilised, filling the sanctioned teaching faculty positions could have been challenging. According to a study by the Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP), there is a shortage of over 40% in teaching faculty positions in 11 of the 18 newly created All India Institutes of Medical Sciences in the country. It is even more alarming in State government medical colleges in Empowered Action Group States. As in a CSEP study, in Uttar Pradesh, where 17 government medical colleges were set up between 2019-21, 30% of the teaching faculty positions were vacant in 2022. The shortage of specialists could affect the task of setting up medical colleges or upgrading district hospitals to medical colleges. The challenge also extends to CCHBs under the PM-ABHIM whose guidelines on staffing norms include specialists. As in rural health statistics 2021-22, more than a third of the sanctioned positions of specialists in urban CHCs and two-thirds in rural CHCs were vacant in March 2022.

Fiscal space in States

Notably, State governments will have to bear the recurring costs in maintaining the physical infrastructure built under the PM-ABHIM and HRHME, thus necessitating additional financial commitment. The Union government's support for human resources is only for the duration of the PM-ABHIM scheme, i.e., till 2025-26. The ability of States to plan and support recurring expenses beyond this period is vital for the productivity of the incurred capital expenditure. States need to create the fiscal space required to support these initiatives in addition to contributing to other CSS and their own State health schemes.

In sum, transforming capital expenditure allocations into effective health outcomes depends on several critical factors: the fiscal capacity of States to meet additional recurring expenditures; addressing underlying structural causes of human resource shortages, and improving public financial management processes for executing schemes and grants. These elements will be crucial in ensuring that the budgetary allocations for capital expenditures are productive.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Setting the record straight

We wish to point out an egregious misrepresentation of our forebear in the article, "From Bharati to Karunanidhi" (Opinion page, September 4). The term "mercenary", which has been used to describe the actions of our grandfather, A.V. Meiyappan, in relation to the acquisition of Bharatiyar's songs, is not only factually incorrect but also an affront to his memory and the values that he embodied. For the record, the Bharatiyar songs were acquired by A.V. Meiyappan in 1947 from a Marwadi merchant in North Madras for the film *Naam Iruvar* ("We Two") for a sum of ₹10,000. Subsequently, when the then Chief Minister, Omandur P. Ramaswamy Reddiyar, requested our grandfather to consider the significance of these works, A.V. Meiyappan, out of his own volition, and with a deep sense of responsibility, generously donated these invaluable assets to the government. The word "mercenary" distorts the truth and maligns the legacy of a man whose contributions to Indian cinema and society are beyond reproach. It has caused significant hurt to the entire AVM family. The legacy of A.V. Meiyappan deserves nothing less than respect.

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From crisis to cascade of hope

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The Cauvery river now presents a picture of calmness, much to the relief of Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

In early July, both States were on the brink of a water crisis. However, since the second half of July, nature brought a dramatic change in the situation with rains, bringing copious inflow to the river. The situation turned positive with regard to the realisation of water by Tamil Nadu – from deficit to "over surplus." In a matter of 15 days, Tamil Nadu received its entire share – even marginally higher – for July and August, as mandated in the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT)'s final award of 2007, which was modified by the Supreme Court in February 2018. The spell of surplus flows continued in the subsequent weeks.

As of September 2, the lower riparian State received about 181 tmc ft since June 1, the inaugural date of any water year, whereas the stipulated quantum for the entire year – up to May 2025 – is 177.25 tmc ft. The Tribunal and the Court have fixed Tamil Nadu's share for July at 31.24 tmc ft; for August – 45.95 tmc ft and for September – 36.76 tmc ft. The southwest monsoon is crucial for both States, as it represents the wettest period for Karnataka and yields the highest quantum of (123.14 tmc ft) of water for Tamil Nadu. So, barring the initial five or six weeks, the 2024-25 water year has not been problematic for the two principal riparian States.

Implementation mechanism

The current year is in stark contrast to the corresponding period (June-September 2) of last year when the aggregate realisation by Tamil Nadu was a mere 33.2 tmc ft. A close perusal of the data of 30 years (1994-95 to 2023-24) reveals that on 11 occasions, the realisation during June-September was less than 100 tmc ft, as against the stipulated 123.14 tmc ft. This means that at least once in three years, there is distress. This is where the final award's implementation mechanism – Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) – and the Supreme Court assume importance, of course, apart from the spirit of accommodation.

The efficacy of the CWMA and its assisting body Cauvery Water Regulation Committee (CWRC), as institutional arrangements, was put to test during 2023-24. Unlike its predecessor, the Cauvery River Authority, which was a high-profile setup with the Prime Minister as the chairperson and Chief Ministers of all the basin States as Members, the CWMA is headed by a full-time official with government officers of all the States and various departments of the Union government. Many of their decisions last year were not to the liking of the two States, but given the constraints, the performance of the CWMA and CWRC can be considered satisfactory.

Needless to say, there is enormous scope for improvement on their part. First, there should be greater transparency in their functioning. Both the Authority and the Committee will have to make public, as quickly as possible, all their decisions in writing. In an intense water conflict such as the Cauvery, the version of the affected parties, in times of crisis, cannot be expected to be impartial. Even otherwise, dissemination of authentic information is vital in an inter-State water dispute. If the authority is constrained by a shortage of manpower, in carrying out its functions effectively, the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti should intervene and solve the problem.

Moreover, the Authority should enlarge its composition from being a body of only officials to one of multi-disciplinary and a mix of officials and non-officials, who could be drawn from farmers, environmentalists, and independent water experts. The Union government could follow the example of the Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board Act. The law provides for six non-official directors on the Board of the water agency, which includes persons to represent the interests of the public, industrial, and commercial establishments.

As for the composition of the CWMA, the implementation mechanism that the Tribunal had in mind is only recommendatory and there is no bar on the Union government to fine-tune it. The presence of a non-official environmentalist can push the government to take the problem of environmental degradation of the much-venerated river more seriously in view of the challenges being caused by climate change.

Water shortage

The "feel good factor" prevalent now can be used to look at the problem of Bengaluru's drinking water shortage, which assumed a serious proportion earlier this year. The Supreme Court, in its 2018 judgment, made a special allocation of 4.75 tmc ft for the city while the Karnataka government has been pressing for implementing the ₹ 9,000-crore Mekedatu Balancing Reservoir-cum-Drinking Water Project. At present, the Mekedatu project is before the Central Water Commission.

Given the trust deficit between the two States (which explains the reason behind Tamil Nadu's opposition to the project), the idea of the participation of a third party – say, the Union government – can be explored to execute not only the Mekedatu project but also any other project, including hydro-electric across the Cauvery, upstream of the Mettur reservoir. After all, attempts made since the late 1990s in this regard failed. There is no harm in making yet another earnest attempt as the intention is to optimally utilise the precious water resource which, if untapped, will go to waste, as is happening now.

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Flip-flops in sand policy

A.P. has repeatedly changed its policies, leading to substantial revenue losses

STATE OF PLAY

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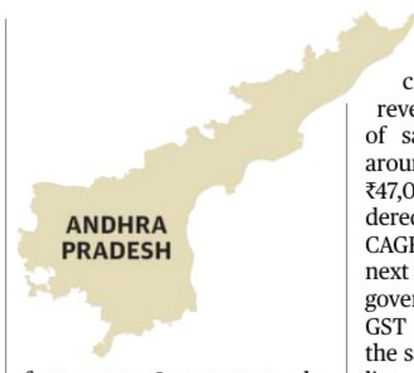
Andhra Pradesh has witnessed many flip-flops in sand policies over the past decade. The current government issued GO 43 in July 2024, which withdrew the existing sand policies – namely, the New Sand Mining Policy 2019 and the Upgraded Sand Policy 2021 – and replaced them with an Interim Mechanism for Sand Supply until the formulation of the Sand Policy 2024 for the State. With this free sand policy came into existence again.

From a novel experiment of entrusting the job of sand supply to Self Help Groups (SHGs) to free sand, auctioning sand reaches, and back to free sand supply. The successive governments have formulated policies that match their requirements. Both ruling and Opposition parties have gone beyond mudslinging, initiating probes into the sand policies of their predecessors as soon as they assumed power. A political narrative is built that the previous government indulged in large-scale corruption and illegal sand mining.

In the process, the sand, a precious natural resource, is plundered and the State's coffers hardly fill with the supply of sand. The YSRCP, TDP, and NDA governments have undervalued the possible revenues through the sale of sand.

Neither of these governments has provided actual estimates of annual sand availability, its total value, or potential revenue for the State.

In 2023, then Mines Minister Peddireddy Ramchandra Reddy claimed that his government made around ₹3,000 crore from sand auctions over



four years. In contrast, the NDA government, in a white paper, stated that withdrawing the free sand policy and illegal sand mining resulted in a loss of ₹6,940 crore, with unpaid dues from sand contractors amounting to ₹1,167 crore, totaling losses of ₹8,107 crore. In another paper on State finances, the government said that the loss was ₹7,000 crore due to illegal sand mining.

It is pertinent to mention that the auction of sand used to fetch ₹4,000 crore to ₹5,000 crore a year before the swift change in sand policies became a trend. Over the past eight to 10 years, the Andhra Pradesh government suffered a loss of not less than ₹40,000 crore. And, it would continue to suffer much more.

If the growth in Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) (13.5% from 2014-19 and 10.5% from 2019-24) were taken into consideration, revenue from an auction of sand should fetch not less than ₹9,400 crore (at GSDP growth of 13.5%) and ₹8,200 crore (at GSDP growth of 10.5%) per a year.

The government also argues that the Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of revenue from mineral wealth was growing at 24% during 2014-19, and fell to seven per cent during 2019-24. Mineral revenue would have gone up to ₹7,239 crores by 2024 if the 24% CAGR continued. Going by the same analogy, revenue from the auction of sand should be no less than ₹13,600 crore per annum. So, the revenue through the auction of sand reaches should be around ₹41,000 crore to ₹47,000 crore if GSDP is considered, and ₹68,000 crore if the CAGR of 24% is applied, in the next five years. In addition, the government would also get a GST and Seigniorage Fee on the sand sold. But, as said earlier, successive governments have undervalued the precious natural resource, sand, for reasons best known to them.

Farmers' leader Anumolu Gandhi, Waterman of India Rajendra Singh, and others filed a Public Interest Litigation in the National Green Tribunal highlighting how sand mining was being carried out illegally near the then CM N. Chandrababu Naidu's residence and also important government offices in Amravati in 2019. The NGT slapped a fine of ₹100 crore on the State government and the case is still pending.

When Mr. Naidu came to power in 2014, he had roped in SHGs in villages that would oversee the excavation and sale of sand mining under a programme *'Pedarikam Pai Gelupu'* (victory over poverty). As the initiative failed to meet expectations, some months later, Mr. Naidu changed the policy and introduced a tendering system for the sale of sand. It resulted in litigation in the Hyderabad High Court in 2015. The legal heat made the TDP government do another flip flop and he declared his government would sell sand free of cost to consumers. This was in March 2016. The YSRCP government scrapped the free sand policy and introduced a new sand policy in 2019. The NDA government recently scrapped the YSRCP government's sand policies and reintroduced the free sand policy.

Did expansion before the pandemic prove costly for SpiceJet?

While IndiGo had the wherewithal to tide over the pandemic, SpiceJet couldn't bounce back

DATA POINT

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The never-ending financial troubles of the cash-strapped SpiceJet airline were once again on display when passengers flying from Dubai to India were barred from checking in due to the airline's unpaid dues. Following this, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation placed SpiceJet under 'enhanced surveillance'. Earlier that month, they audited the airline and found 'certain deficiencies'. These new challenges arose while the airline was already dealing with payment and provident fund dues to employees and legal disputes as lessors were not paid. Pilots and cabin crew were last paid salaries for June and 150 cabin crew were sent on unpaid leave, *The Hindu* had reported.

Data shows that a series of steps taken to expand the airline in the years leading up to the pandemic – driven by the sudden collapse of Jet Airways and the desire to capture a larger share of the growing market – may have proven to be costly.

Unlike the market leader IndiGo, who had been increasing the size of its fleet and crew steadily over time and expanded further before the pandemic, SpiceJet's leap was sudden.

Between FY18 and FY20, IndiGo increased its fleet size from 159 to 262 aircraft, with SpiceJet improving from 60 to 114 **(Chart 1)**. Both also went on a hiring spree during the period. Pilots employed by IndiGo and SpiceJet increased from about 2,350 to 4,000 and about 675 to 1,170, respectively, in the period. Cabin crew of IndiGo and SpiceJet increased from about 4,600 to 6,500 and 1,200 to 2,300, respectively **(Chart 2)**.

The move did pay off briefly, with SpiceJet surpassing Air India in market share, becoming the second-largest airline by the end of 2019, taking over from Jet Airways. IndiGo was also placing similar bets, to make the most of the Jet Airways exit and a growing market, enhancing its market share even further **(Chart 3)**.

However, the pandemic hit and passenger flights came to a grinding halt during the first COVID-19 wave. During the successive waves, the strictness of the lockdown was eased in steps, with flyers trickling in small numbers. During these months, airlines continued to incur the cost of aircraft rentals, maintenance costs, airport hangar charges, and salaries paid to employees. Both the airlines had to endure such expenses, and IndiGo's bill was much higher given more planes and a bigger crew.

Table 4 shows select expenses of IndiGo and SpiceJet in Rs crores. During the pandemic phase – FY21 and FY22 – IndiGo paid over ₹20,950 crore on rentals, airport charges, maintenance costs, and employee benefits. For SpiceJet, the figure was around ₹5,880 crores.

With barely any income and huge recurring expenses, the carriers incurred massive losses, with IndiGo's losses being way higher than SpiceJet's. **Chart 5** shows the profit/loss recorded after tax in Rs crore. IndiGo recorded a combined loss of over ₹12,000 crore during the pandemic years.

SpiceJet saw its losses widen further during the pandemic years (₹2,720 crores loss in FY21 and 22).

As IndiGo had a bigger market share before the Covid downturn hit and was in better financial shape, it managed to bounce back, while SpiceJet's could not. After the pandemic blues wore off, SpiceJet plumbed newer depths every quarter, Air India got privatised and with Vistara getting merged with Tata's carrier, a vacuum was created in the market, which IndiGo has comfortably filled. Its market share crossed 60% this year, while SpiceJet's fell below 5%.

SpiceJet's hard landing

The data for the charts and tables were sourced from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation and financial reports of SpiceJet and IndiGo

Chart 1: The chart shows the fleet size of SpiceJet and IndiGo over time

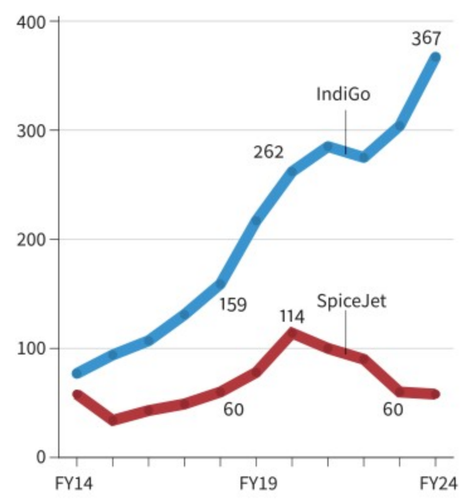

Chart 2: The chart shows the strength of pilots and cabin crew in IndiGo and SpiceJet

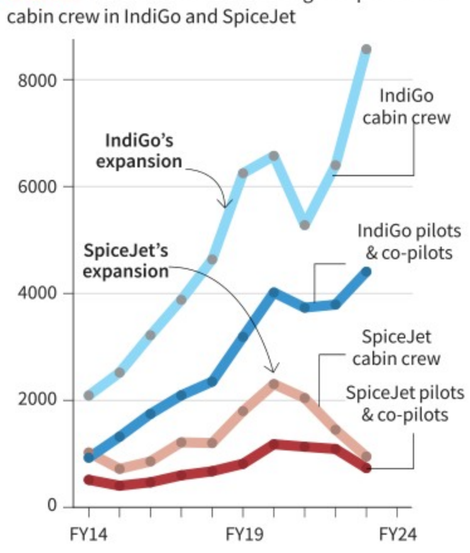

Chart 3: The chart shows the market share of various airlines in %

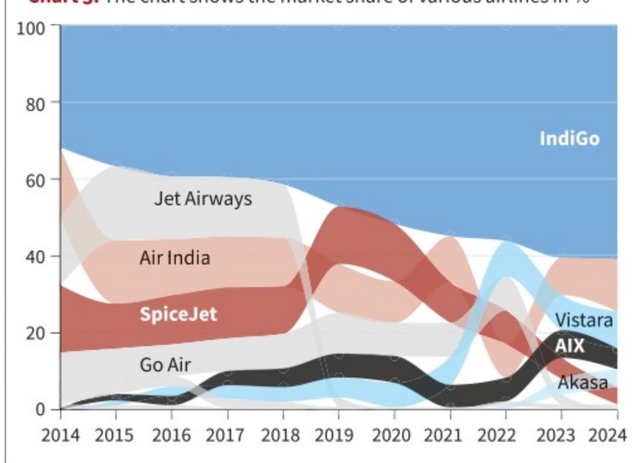

Table 4: The table shows select expenses of IndiGo and SpiceJet in ₹ crores

SPICEJET	FY24	FY23	FY22	FY21	FY20
Fuel	2,983	4,772	2,946	1,529	4,616
Lease rental	638	376	592	248	363
Airport charges	700	810	759	647	1,145
Maintenance costs	874	1,167	1,110	1,122	2,172
Employee benefits	771	844	727	676	1,526

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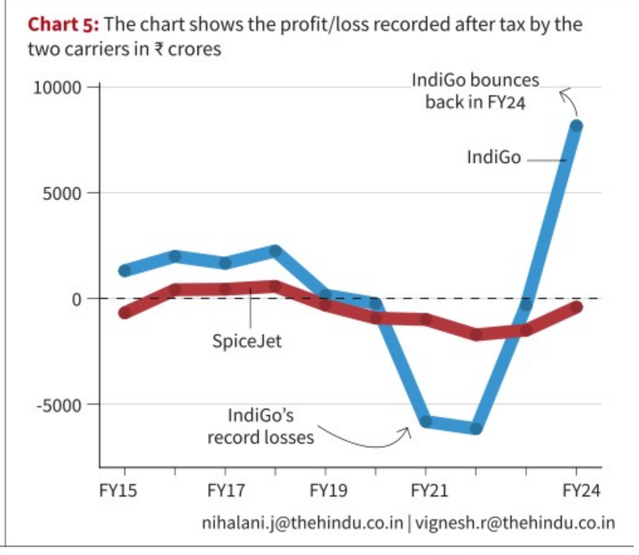
Fuel	23,905	23,646	9,695	3,831	12,454
Lease rental	1,075	326	312	280	497
Airport charges	4,624	3,647	2,287	1,613	2,912
Maintenance costs	9,932	8,045	6,090	4,191	5,867
Employee benefits	5,838	4,325	3,152	3,026	4,395

Chart 5: The chart shows the profit/loss recorded after tax by the two carriers in ₹ crores



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FROM THE ARCHIVES

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FIFTY YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 5, 1974

Bhutan against appointment of new Indian Advisers

Calcutta, Sept. 4: In its efforts progressively to assert its independence, Bhutan is understood to have told India that it will not encourage the appointment of any new administrative Advisers from India. The Bhutanese Government is not asking Delhi to withdraw the Advisers now at work, but it wishes to have no replacement when the various Indian Advisers finish their assigned terms. In some cases, their departure is being speeded up.

These Advisers work as part of the Indian Government and the Bhutanese Government Administration. In charge of the Bhutanese Government is the Indian Political Officer at Thimpu, who, like a Resident Minister, advises the King on foreign and basic elements of modern Police laws into Bhutan.

At present, there are senior Indian Advisers attached to the Bhutanese Ministries of Finance Development, and Trade, among others. Bhutan is treaty-bound to be guided by India in foreign affairs. There is also a Resident Indian Military Officer at Thimpu, the Bhutanese capital, with the rank of Brigadier.

The Indian Air Force establishment is at Paro. Some Indian Army officers have also been seconded to the Bhutanese forces.

Bhutan opened up its communications with India on the occasion of the coronation of the new King. Since then it has gone back into its isolation after its initial attempts to open its doors during the coronation. It is not clear whether the bar is from the Indian side or the Bhutanese.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO SEPTEMBER 5, 1924

Exodus of coolies.

Dibrugarh, Sept. 4: About 700 tea garden and other coolies arrived here recently demanding repatriation to Madras. They complained that they had been ducked by recruits and wanted to be sent back home at Government expense. The Magistrate is making enquiries as regards 200 applications. The rest were refused. About 250 returned to work.

At Sibsagar there is a similar unrest among the garden coolies. About 400 coolies recruited from Madras Presidency proceeded to Jorhat and requested repatriation.

From Page One

6 dead in landslides in Nagaland; highway hit

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said the State government would continue to work with the Centre and the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited to restore normalcy at the earliest.

Deputy Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang said search and rescue operations were under way.

Road closures

The Dimapur police issued an advisory for people to avoid NH-29 as well as one of the alternative routes to travel between Dimapur and Kohima. "In view of the mudslide at Pherima, landslide at Tseipama/Piphema, and another major landslide on NH-29 (Pagala Pahar/New Chumoukedima) that has washed away an entire section of the road, all traffic between Kohima and Dimapur on NH-29 is blocked. The alternative route via Pimla-Mhainamtsi... is also not advised. The Niuland-Kohima via Zhadima Road can be used by light motor vehicles only," the advisory said.

Data tabled in Parliament on July 31 said 592 landslide incidents were reported across the northeast between 2017 and July 2024, with 196 of these occurring between April and July this year.

EPFO pensioners to get payments from any bank

"By enabling pensioners to receive pensions from any bank, any branch, anywhere in the country, this initiative addresses the long-standing challenges faced by pensioners," Mr. Mandaviya said.

In the next phase, CPPS will enable a smooth transition to Aadhaar-based payment system. There will be no need for pensioners to visit the branch for any verification at the time of commencement of pension, and the pension shall be immediately credited upon release, the government said. The EPFO expects a significant cost reduction in pension disbursement in the new system.

PM Modi takes aim at China in Brunei

The two countries discussed ways to strengthen defence cooperation and the possibility of long-term cooperation in LNG supplies, given that India has dropped its demand for oil from Brunei in favour of Russian oil imports in recent years.

"Brunei is an important partner in India's Act East Policy and Indo-Pacific Vision," Mr. Modi said at a luncheon banquet at the Istana Nurul Iman palace, referring to India's priority for ASEAN centrality on such issues and support for freedom of movement in the Indo-Pacific region.

"We support the policy of development, and not expansionism," he added, calling for the finalisation of a 'Code of Conduct' for the region on the issue of sovereignty and violations at sea. In the joint statement issued at the end of the visit, the two sides also "urged all parties to resolve disputes through peaceful means in accordance with international law, particularly UNCLOS 1982".

Historically, Brunei's strategic location at the centre of the ASEAN region has given it an edge in ties with the United States, and the two sides have had close defence ties.

In the last few decades, however, Chinese leaders have made a number of high-level visits to Brunei. China is now Brunei's largest trading partner and foreign investor. The value of China-Brunei bilateral trade stands at about $2.6 billion. In comparison, India-Brunei trade last year was approximately $286.20 million.

More recently, however, Chinese aggression and claims over islands in the South China Sea have been received with unease in Brunei. Mr. Modi did not refer directly to China, but his veiled remarks about the situation were significant. He also said he had held "comprehensive talks" on giving a "strategic direction" to the partnership.

AI key reason for labour income dip: ILO study

"This is consistent with automation-based technological innovations driving the aggregate effects," the ILO said, warning that the absence of a stronger policy response across relevant domains could push the labour income further down.

To mitigate the potential adverse impacts on inequality, the benefits of technological progress should be widely distributed, the report said.

The report also indicated slow progress on key Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as their 2030 deadline approaches. The study revealed that the global labour income share, which represents the portion of total income earned by workers, fell by 0.6 percentage points from 2019 to 2022 and has since remained flat.

It said the COVID-19 pandemic was a key driver of this decline, with nearly 40% of the reduction in the labour income share occurring in the pandemic years of 2020 to 2022.

"Countries must take action to counter the risk of declining labour income share. We need policies that promote an equitable distribution of economic benefits, including freedom of association, collective bargaining and effective labour administration, to achieve inclusive growth," said Celeste Drake, ILO Deputy Director-General.

SC slams Uttarakhand CM, says this is not a 'feudal era'

A three-judge Bench criticises Dhami for ignoring objections from the State bureaucracy and his own Minister against the transfer of an IFS officer facing departmental and CBI proceedings

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

> If you disagree with all your officers and your Minister, the least that is expected is that there should be some application of mind
>
> **JUSTICE B.R. GAVAI**
> Supreme Court Judge

The Supreme Court on Wednesday orally slammed Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami for ignoring objections from the State bureaucracy and his own Minister against the transfer of an officer who is facing departmental and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) proceedings as the Director of the ecologically sensitive Rajaji Tiger Reserve, saying this was not a "feudal era" when what the king said had to be done.

A three-judge Bench headed by Justice B.R. Gavai was informed by the *amicus curiae*, senior advocate K. Parameshwar, of multiple reports, including that of the Central Empowered Committee (CEC), red-flagging the appointment of Indian Forest Service officer Rahul as the Director of the Rajaji Tiger Reserve.

The CEC report in the Supreme Court said Mr. Rahul's transfer to the Rajaji Tiger Reserve came through even as his role in the illegal felling of trees and unauthorised constructions at the Corbett Tiger Reserve, while he was Director there, was under the lens.

The CEC had swung into action on a complaint filed by advocate Abhijay Negi about Mr. Rahul's transfer order.

Mr. Parameshwar informed the court that Mr. Rahul's transfer to the Rajaji Tiger Reserve was cleared despite specific file notings from the State bureaucracy objecting to the move. The bureaucracy's objections were endorsed by the State Forest Minister. The Civil Services Board of Uttarakhand had not recommended the officer's transfer to the Rajaji Tiger Reserve. The transfer had overruled all these objections.

"The Chief Minister cannot take a decision like this... We are not in the feudal era when *raja jaise bole waise chale* (what the king says must be done). When every subordinate authority, brings to the notice of the Chief Minister that for 'a', 'b', 'c' reasons this officer should not be posted to Rajaji reserve, he just ignores it... If you disagree with all your officers and your Minister, the least that is expected is that there should be some application of mind..." Justice Gavai addressed senior advocate A.N.S. Nadkarni, appearing for the State government.

The Bench, also comprising Justices P.K. Mishra and K.V. Viswanathan, drew the government's attention to the public trust doctrine. The doctrine holds the government responsible for the protection of natural resources as a trustee of the people.

Transfer order revoked

Mr. Nadkarni said the order of transfer of Mr. Rahul to the Rajaji Tiger Reserve was revoked on September 3. The senior counsel said Mr. Rahul was a "good officer".

"If there is nothing against him (Rahul), why is there departmental proceedings? Departmental proceedings are not initiated unless there is a *prima facie* finding against an officer," Justice Gavai reacted.

The court initially mooted the idea of asking the Chief Minister to file an affidavit but closed the case on the ground that Mr. Rahul's transfer order had been revoked.

Ex-diplomats, activists move SC to halt India's arms supply to Israel

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The petition said India was obligated under the Genocide Convention

Retired diplomats, academicians, public intellectuals and activists moved the Supreme Court on Wednesday to direct the government to cancel or halt licences and permissions given to Indian companies to export arms and other military equipment to Israel during the ongoing conflict in Gaza.

The petition, filed through advocates Prashant Bhushan and Cheryl D'souza, said the supply of weapons to Israel during the Gaza conflict was in violation of India's obligations under the international law and in breach of the fundamental right to life and equality, and Article 51C of the Constitution.

The petitioners include retired diplomat Ashok Kumar Sharma; retired IAS officer Meena Gupta; retired Indian Foreign Services officer Deb Mukharji; retired Professor Achin Vanaik; developmental economist Jean Drèze; eminent Carnatic vocalist T.M. Krishna; human rights activist Dr. Harsh Mander; Nikhil Dey, a founding member of the Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan; and Delhi-based research scholar Vijayan Malloothra Joseph.

The petition named companies, including a public sector enterprise under the Ministry of Defence, Munitions India Limited, and other private companies such as Premier Explosives, Adani Defence and Aeropace Ltd., and others.

The petition said India has international legal obligations under the Genocide Convention.

"India therefore cannot export any military equipment or weapons to Israel when there is a serious risk these weapons might be used to commit war crimes," it said.

The petition claimed there were "credible reports and publicly available records that Indian authorities have granted licences for the export of munitions to Israel, after the war began, and even after the ICJ ruling on genocide by Israel".

Teach students about the Constitution's importance: Kharge

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Mallikarjun Kharge

On the eve of Teacher's Day, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge urged educators to instruct students about the "ill-effects" of the "recent attacks" on India's diversity and exhorted them to block the "evil efforts" to fabricate the country's history for the greater good of the next generation.

In a written message in Hindi, that Mr. Kharge posted on X, the Congress president called teachers the "true nation builders", who shape the future of the country by showing the right path of honesty and truth to the society.

'Block evil attempts'

"You should make children aware about the diversity of India. It will greatly benefit our future generations, if we warn them about the recent attacks on the spirit of 'unity in diversity' in the country and block the evil attempts to tell the history in a fabricated manner," Mr. Kharge said on Wednesday.

Teachers, he said, "guide and build" the character of the next generation by teaching the importance of patriotism, hard work, dedication, and equality. "I appeal to the teachers across the country to keep telling their students about constitutional values in future. Try to include and impart knowledge about the importance of the Constitution and the Preamble of the Constitution in the curriculum as much as possible," Mr. Kharge said.

Centre, Tripura sign peace accord with insurgent groups in the State

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Amit Shah at the signing of peace accord between the Centre, the Tripura government, the NLFT and the ATTF, on Wednesday. PTI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Wednesday that more than 300 armed cadres of two insurgent groups in Tripura have given up violence to join the mainstream and will "contribute not only in building a developed Tripura but also in building a developed India".

He said that the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) was removed from Tripura in 2015 itself and it has also been withdrawn from many parts of the northeast. "Instead of deployment of armed forces, the Modi government is committed to the development of the entire northeast by preservation and development of the culture, languages and identity of northeast, especially the tribal groups," Mr. Shah said.

A Memorandum of Settlement was signed between the Government of India, Government of Tripura and the National Liberation Front of Tripura (NLFT) and the All Tripura Tiger Force (ATTF) in the presence of Mr. Shah on Wednesday.

"Under the agreement, more than 328 armed cadres will give up violence and join the mainstream society, and contribute not only in building a developed Tripura but also in building a developed India. Government is making wholehearted efforts with due consideration to all sensitivities in implementation of all the agreements to ensure development of the area and eliminate the reasons responsible for people to take up arms," Mr. Shah said.

He added that the Centre has approved a special package of ₹250 crore for the overall development of the tribal population of Tripura.

The NLFT and the ATTF reaffirmed their commitment towards the development of Tripura by ending 35-year-long conflict in the State, a statement by the Ministry said.

As per the agreement, the NLFT and the ATTF have agreed to abjure the path of violence, lay down arms and ammunition and disband their armed organisations.

The armed cadre of NLFT and ATTF have also agreed to participate in peaceful democratic process established by the law and maintain the integrity of the country.

Mr. Shah said that after assuming prime ministership, Narendra Modi had put forth the vision of a capable and developed northeast through peace and dialogue.

Mr. Shah added that the peace pact is the 12th agreement for the northeast and the third agreement related to Tripura in the past ten years. "Through these agreements, about 10,000 insurgents have joined the mainstream by giving up arms. The 12 agreements have been majorly instrumental in preventing loss of thousands of innocent lives," he said.

J&K High Court takes exception to *The Hindu* report, terms it 'untrue'

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The Jammu and Kashmir High Court on Wednesday took notice of the report published by *The Hindu* titled "NIA cases listed before J&K HC Bench led by Atul Sreedharan shifted" and described it as "false, malicious and contemptuous as same amounts to interference in the administration of justice".

"The Court is also disturbed by the incorrect factual aspect given in the social media post and also in the newspaper that one of us (Atul Sreedharan-J) had gone on leave on account of the change in roster which is patently untrue as the said Judge had taken a casual leave on 02.09.2024 on account of medical reasons," the Division Bench, comprising Justice Atul Sreedharan and Justice Mohammad Yousuf Wani, observed, in the order.

The Bench said this "misrepresentation not only misleads the public but also damages trust in the Judiciary... gives an impression that the said Judge went on a protest leave against a change in roster. This also gives an impression that the said Judge is interested in getting certain cases of a particular type listed before him and decided".

The Court said that the Registrar General's note further said that the Honourable Chief Justice has from time to time constituted special Benches for prioritising old cases, detention and liberty matters.

"The roster was also modified as per previous practice, whereby inter alia the subject matters relating to NIA cases for Admission, Orders and Hearing and all Habeas Corpus petitions for Admission, Orders and Hearing were retained by Hon'ble Chief Justice (Acting)...," it said.

The Court said that at no point of time, NIA petitions were heard by any Special Bench and "for the first time in order to expedite these matters, the NIA matters were considered as separate as same being a matter of liberty and concern for the security of the Country and in view of the sensitivity involved in these matters".

The Court has asked the Registrar Judicial "to place this matter before Hon'ble the Chief Justice (Acting) to consider whether this matter should be placed before an appropriate Bench for initiation of criminal contempt against the publishers". The matter will come up before a Division Bench on Thursday.

The news item has been withdrawn. The publication was not intended to cast aspersions on the functioning of the Court or mislead the public. We apologise for any wrong impression that may have been conveyed by it.

– Editor

Army seeks to lower dependence on Chinese equipment

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NEW DELHI

Acknowledging that use of Chinese equipment in drones is a "live issue" and anything remotely to do with data is where the vulnerability lies, Major General C.S. Mann, Additional Director General of the Army Design Bureau said that the government has taken action and "appropriate methodology to address this will come into effect".

A Himtech exhibition is being held later this month in Leh especially focusing on high altitude drone technologies, and along with that a Dronethon where companies would demonstrate capabilities of a range of UAVs at altitudes of 4,000 to 5,000 metres.

"Anything to do with electronics is what has the potential for data transfer. Anything remotely to do with data is where the vulnerability lies. We are finding out the methods of how to overcome this aspect... Supply chains are dependent on Chinese components, how do we overcome them... various methods are being deliberated upon," Major Gen. Mann said.

The event is being organised for five major categories of drones, including surveillance drones, logistics drones, swarm drones, loitering munitions, first person view drones and drones with specific payloads.

NC's Omar Abdullah files papers from Ganderbal constituency

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National Conference (NC) vice-president Omar Abdullah, who filed his nomination papers from the Ganderbal constituency in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, made an emotional appeal to voters and sought "one chance to represent them".

Mr. Abdullah lowered his skullcap and folded hands to seek support of the voters, "for the sake of his dignity". He claimed that the Bharatiya Janata Party was fielding as many Independent candidates as possible "with an aim to add up numbers" in the 90-member Assembly.

'Won't succeed'

"Voters know about it and will not allow this. Neither the BJP nor their conspiracies will succeed," Mr. Abdullah said. Mr. Abdullah has already won an Assembly election from the Ganderbal seat in the past. The Ganderbal constituency has been bastion of the NC and the Abdullahs.

J&K Apni Party chief Altaf Bukhari also filed his nomination from the Chanapora constituency in Srinagar. On former separatists joining the mainstream parties, Mr. Bukhari said, "If it's to bring them into the mainstream, I don't see anything wrong with it. Anyone who believes in the Indian Constitution has the right to contest."

Will ensure Statehood is restored to J&K: Rahul

Launching his party's campaign for Assembly polls, he said INDIA bloc will put pressure on Centre on the issue; he was joined by NC president Farooq Abdullah, MP Mian Altaf at the Anantnag rally

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Poll bugle: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with National Conference president Farooq Abdullah and other leaders at a public meeting in Anantnag district on Wednesday. PTI

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who kick-started the party's campaign for the coming Assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir on Wednesday, said his party would "restore Statehood to J&K after coming to power" at the Centre.

"The BJP has to announce the restoration of Statehood to J&K, else the INDIA (Indian National Developmental, Inclusive Alliance) bloc will be doing it as its first step after dethroning Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his party. We will ensure the return of Statehood to the region, whether the BJP wants it or not. We will pressurise the government under the banner of the INDIA alliance," the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha said.

Mr. Gandhi was addressing supporters in Anantnag's Dooru in south Kashmir. In a show of strength, he was joined by National Conference president Farooq Abdullah and NC MP Mian Altaf. The two parties have a pre-poll alliance for the Assembly election.

Mr. Gandhi also targeted the BJP for turning Jammu and Kashmir into a Union Territory. "Jammu and Kashmir was a State and downgraded to two Union Territories. The term democracy fits with a State that has its own Assembly, where issues are discussed and laws are made. All such things were snatched [from J&K]," Mr. Gandhi said. He addressed rallies in Ramban and Dooru. "Open a shop of love where the BJP will set up a shop of hate," he said, adding, "We will win the battle by promoting brotherhood and harmony."

He said the BJP had failed the Kashmiri Pandits and "exploited them for vote bank politics only".

Mr. Farooq also spoke at the rally. "Let us unite and defeat the forces who are hell-bent on taking away Jammu and Kashmir's identity," he said.

The Congress also released a five-point "chargesheet" against the BJP. It said the voice of the people in Jammu and Kashmir was "being suppressed". "An unelected Lieutenant-Governor (L-G), appointed from Delhi, holds all power, and despite promises, the restoration of Statehood has been denied to the proud people of J&K, treating them as second-class citizens," the Congress's "chargesheet" said.

'Rising prices'

The party also pointed out that "outsiders" were being allocated land, resources, and jobs, while local people in Jammu and Kashmir grappled with rising prices, high taxes, water shortages, and poverty, apart from issues with the electricity supply, and excessive billing through smart meters.

"Corruption is reportedly being encouraged from the top, starting in the Lieutenant-Governor's own office, with mining, liquor, and construction contracts awarded to cronies. Moreover, those who attempt to expose corruption face ruthless prosecution," it alleged.

The BJP reacted sharply to Mr. Gandhi's remarks. Union Minister Jitendra Singh accused Mr. Gandhi of "a deliberate attempt to spread false rhetoric for vested interests, which find militancy convenient to continue the Congress's dynastic politics". He asked Mr. Gandhi to "thank Mr. Modi for the peace in Jammu and Kashmir".

Jammu and Kashmir will go to the polls in three phases on September 18, 25, and October 1.

Vote out those who fostered militancy in J&K, says Ram Madhav

The Hindu Bureau
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BJP leader Ram Madhav on Wednesday lashed out at the National Conference and the Peoples Democratic Party and urged voters "to keep those political forces away who fostered militancy in Kashmir".

"Power should not go into the hands of those who brought militancy to Kashmir. It should not go in the hands of those vying to bring back Article 370, to suppress and rule over you. Those who established peace should be elected," Mr. Madhav said.

Mr. Madhav, who was recently appointed the party's election in-charge for Jammu and Kashmir, accompanied BJP candidate Engineer Aijaz Hussain in Srinagar, during the filing of nomination papers from Lal Chowk.

Referring to reports of former separatists joining the mainstream regional parties, Mr. Madhav said, "It is up to the people whether they want to revive terrorism in J&K or continue with the peace."

Fielding a candidate from Lal Chowk, the commercial hub of Srinagar, is a symbolic move by the BJP, which did not field any candidate from the Kashmir Valley in the Lok Sabha election. "The BJP will start its winning streak from Lal Chowk. People should ensure the victory of our candidate," he said.

INBRIEF

SC to hear Kejriwal's bail plea, challenge to CBI arrest today

The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Thursday Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's petitions challenging the legality of his arrest by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), and for bail in the Delhi excise policy case. A Bench headed by Justice Surya Kant has posted the case for Thursday. Mr. Kejriwal has argued that the CBI arrested him when he was on the "cusp of release" on money laundering charges in the same case. He said the CBI's move was an "insurance arrest" designed to keep him behind the bars. The court had issued notice to the CBI but refused to grant him any interim relief. In its response, the CBI countered that Mr. Kejriwal's arrest was necessary due to his "evasive and non-cooperative" attitude to questions about his alleged role in the case.

Firms bought over by Adani got 'haircut' on loans: Congress

The Congress on Wednesday claimed that data revealed by the All India Bank Employees Association (AIBEA) shows that public sector banks took a 74% "hair cut" on their outstanding dues in 10 financially stressed companies after they were bought over by the Adani Group. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said that AIBEA data showed banks that had claims of ₹62,000 crore from 10 companies under financial stress were made to settle their loans for just ₹16,000 crore after the Adani Group took over these companies. "In the colourful language of finance, this is a 74% 'haircut' taken by the banks," Mr. Ramesh said in a post on social media platform X. The Congress leader also shared a screenshot of details, purportedly shared by the AIBEA, that showed companies that were bought over by the Adani Group got a 'haircut' in the range of 96% to 42%.

BJP drops several MLAs in first list for Haryana election

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GURUGRAM

Chief Minister Nayab Saini has been shifted to a new constituency — Ladwa.

The BJP on Wednesday announced its first list of 67 candidates for the Assembly election in Haryana, dropping at least eight MLAs, including two Ministers.

Three MLAs have been shifted to new constituencies, including Chief Minister Nayab Saini, who has been fielded from Kurukshetra's Ladwa.

Mr. Saini had won the Karnal byelection in June after he was made the Chief Minister, replacing Manohar Lal, who is now the Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs.

Jostling for seats

Three Jannayak Janta Party MLAs who had joined the BJP earlier this week – Devender Singh Babli, Anoop Dhanak and Ramkumar Gautam – made it to the list of ruling party candidates and will be fielded from Tohana, Uklana (SC), and Safidon, respectively.

Rajya Sabha MP Kiran Choudhry's daughter Shruti and Gurgaon Lok Sabha MP Rao Inderjit Singh's daughter Arti Rao Singh have been fielded from Tosham and Ateli, respectively. Mr. Rao had sought ticket for his daughter in the previous Assembly election, while Ms. Choudhry and her daughter had joined the BJP after quitting the Congress in June.

Former State Finance Minister Capt. Abhimanyu has been fielded again from Narnaund constituency in Hisar, while former Public Works Department Minister Rao Narbir Singh, who had threatened to quit the BJP if denied ticket this time, has been fielded from Badshahpur. He was denied ticket in 2019.

Former jail superintendent Sunil Sangwan, son of BJP leader Satpal Sangwan, has been fielded from Dadri , dashing the hopes of wrestler Babita Phogat, who had unsuccessfully contested on BJP ticket from the same constituency in 2019.

Unhappy leaders

Former Sirsa MP Sunita Duggal, who was denied ticket in the Lok Sabha election, has been fielded from Raita. However, Haryana Jails Minister Ranjit Chautala, the son of late Deputy Prime Minister Chaudhary Devi Lal, has been snubbed by the party, which has fielded Shishpal Kambol from Rania. Mr. Chautala had won from Rania as an Independent in 2019 and joined the BJP before the Lok Sabha election.

Prominent among those who have been dropped is former Sports Minister and Pehowa MLA Sandeep Singh, who is facing sexual harassment charges. The party has also dropped its MLAs from Gurgaon, Sohna, Bawani Khera, Ratia, Ateli, and Faridabad.

Citizens' group brings out a green manifesto in Haryana

The Hindu Bureau
GURUGRAM

In a first-of-its-kind initiative, environmentalists, ecologists, and civil society members across Haryana have released a 'green manifesto' raising various pressing issues such as air pollution, waste management, depleting ground water level, and the need to protect the Aravalis.

They have sought the inclusion of their demands into the manifestos of various parties for the Assembly election.

Neelam Ahluwalia, founder member, People for Aravallis group, who initiated the process of creating the 'Haryana Green Manifesto 2024', said the document was a critical response to the escalating environmental crisis in the State, which had the lowest forest cover in India, a mere 3.6% as compared to the national average of 21%, and had the dubious distinction of having eight of the 50 most polluted places in the world.

Toxic landfills

"In May and June, we experienced extreme heatwave conditions, with temperatures touching 50 degrees Celsius. Unsegregated, mixed waste is dumped everywhere creating toxic landfills across Haryana with no regard to its negative impact on our natural ecosystems, surface water bodies and groundwater aquifers," she said.

To protect the essential ecosystem services provided by the Aravallis and Shivaliks, the main demand in the manifesto is to legally designate the Aravallis'Critical Ecological Zones'.

Vinesh, Bajrang meet Rahul ahead of polls

The Hindu Bureau
GURUGRAM

Olympic wrestlers Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia called on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in Delhi on Wednesday, fuelling speculation that the two grapplers might contest the coming Assembly election in Haryana on the party's symbol.

A picture of Mr. Gandhi with the two wrestlers was shared on the official handle of the Congress on social media platform X.

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NO.25/STS/DGP/PCW/2024-25 **Dated 30.08.2024**

e- TENDER NOTIFICATION

The tender are invited in "Two Cover System" as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through e-Tender of Government of Karnataka website (www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in) for Supply and Install of following items required to the Police Stations across the State.

Sl. No	Tender No.	Particulars	Qty	Last date for submission of tender
1	KSP/2024-25/ IND0138	High End Server with graphic card	02	27/09/2024 by 17:30 hrs
2		Medium End Server with Graphic Card	03	
3		Low End Server	05	

Tender forms containing technical specifications, can be downloaded from **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. Those who are willing to implement the project must necessarily be registered in e-Procurement portal. The training about e-Procurement is being provided at e-Procurement cell, e-Governance Department, M. S. Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore 560 001. The vendors may contact the helpline no: 91-8046010000, +91-8068948777. For further details the vendors are requested to visit the website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

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Director General of Police,
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PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING
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No: 461 / OJEE *Date : 04.09.2024*

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This is for the information of all concerned that OJEE Web-Based Counselling Process for **BAMS/ BHMS** Programs under State Quota seats of all Govt colleges and All State Quota and All India Quota seats in Private colleges is going to start from **6th September, 2024**.

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
NABARD & RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, SALEM-7
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Notice No.17/2024-2025/SDO/Dated: 03.09.2024

For and on bahalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu Two Cover System of Percentage tender through online only will be received **upto 08.10.2024 - 15.00 hours** (as per system server clock) by the Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads, Salem Circle under **RIDF XXX - 2024-2025 -** Upgradation of Panchayat Union / Panchayat Roads to Other District Roads - **Upgradation of Km.23/6 of Bhavani - Kollegal road - Thamaraikarai to Madam road Km 0/0-0/6, 3/0-6/0 and 8/2-18/8** in **Erode (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division.**

Details of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **06.09.2024** onwards in the Government web site **http://tntenders.gov.in** If any changes / corrections etc. in the tender, it will be published on the above website only.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H),
NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, SALEM-7

DIPR/3486/TENDER/2024

Government of Tamil Nadu
HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT
MADURAI HIGHWAYS PROJECTS CIRCLE
TENDER NOTICE
T.N No.02/2024 -25 / SDO /Dated : 29.08.2024

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamil Nadu, **Percentage Tender under two cover system through online only** will be received upto **07.10.2024 15.00 hours** by the Superintending Engineer (H), Projects , Madurai Circle for the work of "Formation of Link road between km 2/0 of Rajapalayam – Sankarankovil – Tirunelveli road (SH - 41) (New Bus stand) and km 66/8 of Thirumangalam – Kollam road (NH-744) (Rajapalayam Government Hospital) in Virudhunagar District km 0/0-2/2." pertaining to Tirunelveli (H),Projects Division.

Details of work, approximate value of work, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available from **12.09.2024** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in**. If any changes/corrections in the tender, it will be published in the above Government website only.

DIPR/3477/TENDER/2024

Superintending Engineer (H),
Projects, Madurai Circle

INBRIEF

Bodies of two Coast Guard personnel recovered from sea

The bodies of two Indian Coast Guard personnel who went missing after their helicopter crashed in sea were recovered on Wednesday. A search is on for a third personnel. The three personnel went missing after the advanced light helicopter they were flying in during a medical evacuation mission crashed at sea off the Gujarat coast. The two persons whose bodies were recovered have been identified as Commandant Vipin Babu and diver Karan Singh. The search continues for the pilot, Commanding Officer Rakesh Rana, Coast Guard sources said.

The Hindu and *thehindu.com* articles win Laadli awards

Two articles published by *The Hindu* and *thehindu.com* have won accolades at the 14th Laadli Media & Advertising Awards for Gender Sensitivity, 2024 (Regional) announced on Wednesday. Senior assistant editor Maitri Porecha's story "Talking Therapy: Asha Workers Offer Hope in Rural Madhya Pradesh" bagged the award under print/feature/English (northern region) category. Saumya Kalia's story "Part 2: A 'Silent' Burden: Who Cares for Women Living with Diabetes?" was published on *thehindu.com*. It got the award under the web/feature/English (northern region) category. In all, 74 pan-India awardees were honoured for their gender-sensitive media reports.

Ex-R.G. Kar principal moves SC over CBI probe against him

Former principal of Kolkata's R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital, Sandip Ghosh, has moved the Supreme Court against an order of the Calcutta High Court transferring the investigation into allegations of irregularities in tender processes and mismanagement against him from a Special Investigation Team to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Dr. Ghosh was principal of the college where a junior doctor was raped and murdered on August 9, which led to nationwide protests. The CBI is investigating the crime on the orders of the High Court. Dr. Ghosh's petition in the top court is listed before a Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud on September 6.

No relief from HC for release of Kangana's film *Emergency*

In a major setback to the makers of *Emergency*, a Hindi film with BJP MP Kangana Ranaut in the lead role, the Bombay High Court on Wednesday refused to direct the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) to issue a certificate to the movie. The court's decision was based on the Madhya Pradesh High Court's order on September 3, which had asked the CBFC to decide on the representations made by Jabalpur Sikh Sangat, the petitioners in the case, who have objected to the release of the film and its trailer. With this observation from the court, the makers of the film will not be able to release the movie as scheduled on September 6.

Centre suggests measures to enhance security at hospitals

In letter to States, Health Ministry calls for recruitment of ex-servicemen, State security force personnel; it also advices background check of contract workers and sharing of video footage

Bindu Shajan Perappadan
NEW DELHI

The Union Health Ministry has suggested employing ex-servicemen as security personnel in hospital areas that have been identified as high-risk as one of the measures to enhance safety and security for doctors and healthcare workers. Manpower can also be engaged from State security forces, it said.

Following a recent consultation on hospital safety, the Health Ministry wrote to the Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories, detailing 11 measures that need to be implemented in line with a Supreme Court direction. Stakeholders have been directed to submit an action taken report by September 10.

Doctors across the country have demanded steps to ensure a safe workplace after the rape and murder of an on-duty postgraduate physician in Kolkata last month.

Central Industrial Security Force personnel walking past health workers inside a government hospital in Kolkata on Wednesday. AP

Each district must identify hospitals with a high footfall and consider them as high-priority establishments for security improvements, the Ministry said in its letter to States.

Local police integration
Healthcare establishments have been directed to immediately initiate integration with local police and set up protocols to quickly share video footage of any untoward incidents against healthcare workers, so that the police can facilitate a swift response and investigation.

The Ministry also mandated robust background checks for all outsourced personnel and contractual workers employed in hospitals.

Bereavement protocols
Given that patient deaths can lead to high emotions and tensions among grieving family members, all doctors and healthcare workers must be given proper training to handle such situations and bereavement protocols must be established, the Ministry said.

Other suggestions include security audits in consultation with local health and police authorities to assess and improve security measures; focusing on high-risk areas such as emergency rooms, triage areas, intensive care units, and labour rooms, where there is a higher incidence of security breaches; installation and proper functioning of CCTV cameras, particularly in high-risk areas, and the regular monitoring of these cameras from a manned-central control room.

"Healthcare establishments should have an internal security committee with active involvement of residents and students and have clear protocol for incidence response,'' the Ministry said.

External elements misguiding junior officers, says SEBI

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on Wednesday blamed "external elements" for misguiding its staff, especially junior officers, regarding house rent allowance (HRA) issues, to target its credibility and leadership.

"It is our belief that SEBI's junior officers, who were in large numbers, originally aggrieved in respect of HRA allowances, have been misguided, perhaps by external elements to believe that as 'employees of a regulator', they should not be held to high standards of performance and accountability even though they have in fact demonstrated that they are fully capable of delivering to high standards to the market ecosystem," SEBI said.

They have been misguided also to believe that they were being underpaid even at a CTC of ₹34 lakh per annum and that it would be in their interest to "use issues of work culture to bargain for monetary benefits and to believe that they should get automatic promotions", it said.

It opted not to name the "external forces" by saying "we would not like to speculate on who those external elements may be or what their motives might be".

Responding to report
On SEBI's work culture, the market regulator released a five-page statement stating that the employees were demanding 55% increase in HRA over the allowances set in 2023, among numerous other benefits.

"Employees also raised an issue on updation of SEBI's automated Management Information System for Key Result Areas (KRAs), which had been designed to bring more transparency, fairness and accountability within SEBI. A 15-minute silent protest was held in this context," SEBI said. It said a narrative was made to frame the issue as relating to the work environment "with an objective to have bargaining power to seek more benefits".

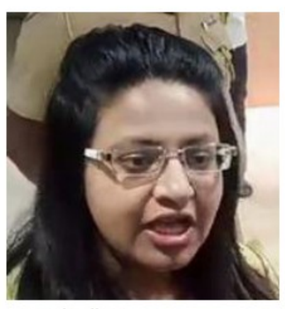
Disability certificate of Khedkar may be forged: Delhi Police

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Delhi Police have told the Delhi High Court that one of the two disability certificates submitted by former IAS probationer Puja Khedkar to the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) to show multiple disabilities may be "forged" and "fabricated".

The Delhi Police said Ms. Khedkar submitted the two disability certificates for the Civil Services Examinations-2022 and the Civil Services Examinations-2023, respectively.

Verifying documents
The "Issuing Medical Authority, Ahmednagar, Maharashtra" after verification has, however, claimed that the certificate that showed locomotor disability, hearing impairment and low vision was not issued in accordance with the "Civil Surgeon Office Records" and "the possibility of the disability certificate being forged and fabricated is more likely", the police said.



Puja Khedkar

The Delhi Police made the submission in response to the anticipatory bail plea of Ms. Khedkar, who has been accused of cheating and wrongly using Other Backward Classes (OBC) and disability quota benefits.

The court is scheduled to take up the case on Thursday.

On July 31, UPSC cancelled Ms. Khedkar's candidature. Earlier, the court had granted interim protection from arrest to Ms. Khedkar, who has been accused of fraudulently clearing the UPSC exam.

Sculptor arrested for collapse of Shivaji statue

Abhinay Deshpande
MUMBAI

Sculptor-contractor Jaydeep Apte, wanted in connection with the recent collapse of the Shivaji statue in Sindhudurg district of Maharashtra, was arrested from Kalyan in Thane district on Wednesday night.

"Jaydeep Apte has been arrested," Thane Superintendent of Police Saurabh Kumar Agarwal said.

The police in Sindhudurg have been searching for Mr. Apte ever since the statue, which he crafted, collapsed on August 26, less than nine months after it was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Following the statue's collapse, the police registered a case against Mr. Apte and structural consultant Chetan Patil, and slapped charges of negligence and attempt to murder, among others. Mr. Patil was arrested from Kolhapur last week.

Heavy rain claims 49 lives, causes damage to crops in Gujarat

The Hindu Bureau
AHMEDABAD

Heavy rain in Gujarat since the last week of August has caused massive damage to standing crops and claimed 49 lives. Crops have been affected in Kutch, Jamnagar, Devbhumi Dwarka, Porbandar, Junagadh, and several other districts that have been flooded for days.

As many as 49 people have died in rain-related incidents across the State over the past 10 days. The floods have damaged roads and other infrastructure facilities.

In Vadodara and other places, exceptionally heavy rainfall caused extensive floods that severely affected households. Traders, shopkeepers, and businesses have also suffered heavy damage.

More rain likely
"As of Wednesday, the state has witnessed almost 118% of the season's rainfall, and more is expected

Several areas witness flood-like situations due to heavy rains in Surat on Wednesday. ANI

in the next few days. Among the provinces that received the highest rainfall is Kutch, which recorded more than 180% of the rainfall, while North Gujarat received the lowest rainfall, around 94%," the State government said in a statement. Since August 25, the rainfall has caused floods that have damaged roads, cut off villages, and residential areas, requiring the rescue of over 37,000 people by multiple agencies, including the NDRF and the Army.

'90% projects under Smart Cities Mission completed'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

More than 90% of projects under the Smart Cities Mission, which was launched to enhance the quality of life in urban spaces, have been completed, the Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry said.

The remaining 10% projects have been delayed due to legal issues, delays in obtaining clearances from different departments, land acquisition challenges, construction in hilly areas, and challenges in vendor and resource availability in small and medium cities, it said

Of the 100 smart cities, 17 have completed 100% of projects. While 75% of projects have been completed in 75 smart cities, 34 cities have completed more than 90% of the projects, a senior official said. Of the total outlay of ₹48,000 crore for the mission, the Centre has released ₹46,787 crore, of which over 90% has been utilised.

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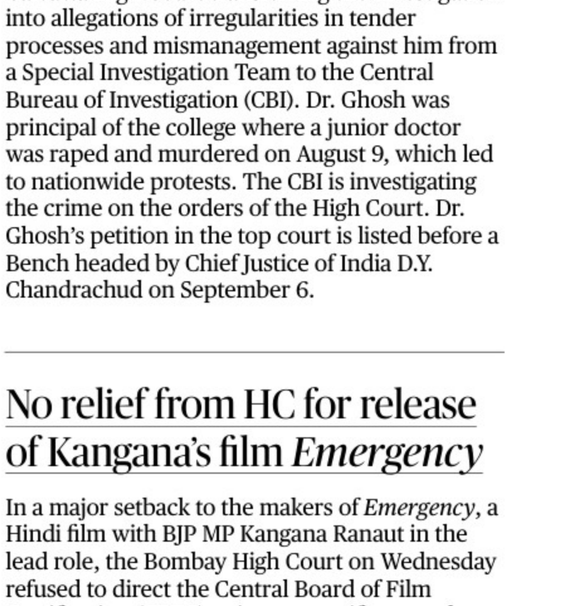

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10 Both sides like doing the final projection (5)
11 Those afflicted accept a top doctor, he heals (9)
12 Man of God, one leaves church (7)
13 Treason abroad by people's representative (7)
14 It's eaten after one (5)
16 Principal blocks for supports... (9)
19 ...including a part he identified as discriminatory (9)
20 Extremely lucky cricket side, associated with southern city (5)
22 Dances and leaves after a function (7)
25 Wine bottles - the fool gets the root (7)
27 Odd/even, put in cage our advocate (9)
28 Working as setter perhaps gets in (5)
29 Eventually, make up with soft eyeshade on (3,2,5,4)

Down
2 Ones coming into our country or some other country? (9)
3 Put up before court (5)
4 Plan of activities for gaining weight... (9)
5 ...doesn't like starters, has already tasted enough samosas (5)
6 Basis for regularly picking steel plant (9)
7 Lifting some extra pounds, creates an illusion (2,3)
8 Casual wear, this represented regular rates (1-6)
9 Mug gets strike - keep quiet (4,2)
15 Start with four, play on artificial surface (9)
17 Home passage, look up to those who joined the army recently (9)
18 Spoken in friendship - it's lack of ethics (9)
19 Do react differently to this type of design (3,4)
21 Outsiders stop another genocide, de-gas the whole thing (6)
23 Henry's in good position (5)
24 Collection by the way remains (5)
26 Supported killings, finally died, shot (5)

SUDOKU

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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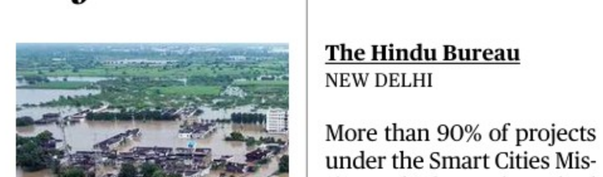

FAITH

Attributes of the Lord

Arjuna asked Lord Krishna to explain His glories and attributes. The Lord replied that they are infinite and cannot be thoroughly described. In Chapter X of the *Bhagavad Gita*, titled 'Manifestations of Divine Glories', the Lord explains some of His prominent attributes. Valayapettai Sri Ramachariar said in a discourse that this chapter is called 'Vibhuthi Adhyaya'.

The Lord says that of Adityas, He is Vishnu; of luminous bodies, the radiant Sun; and among the constellations, He is the Moon. He is the beginning, the middle, and the end of all beings.

Of the Vedas, He is Sama Veda; of sense organs, He is the mind; of Rudras, He is Sankara; of Yakshas, He is Kubera (the Lord of wealth); of the mountains, Meru; of generals, He is Skanda; of waters, the ocean. Of words, He is the single-lettered 'Om'; of immovable things, the Himalayas; among celestials, He is Narada; of elephants, He is Airavatha. Of weapons, He is the thunderbolt; of cows, Kamadhenu.

Of subduers, He is Yama – the God of death. Of beasts, He is the Lion; and of birds, Garuda. Of moving things, He is the wind; and of rivers, He is the Ganga.

The Lord concludes that whatever strength, splendour or energy is acquired comes from a fragment of His power.

INBRIEF

GIC OFS oversubscribed by 108.5% on Day 1

The bids for the offer for sale (OFS) of General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC Re) was oversubscribed by 108.5% on its first day, as per data from the Bombay Stock Exchange. "The issue subscribed 1.08 times the base size. The government has decided to exercise the greenshoe option. Retail investors and employees of the GIC will get a chance to bid tomorrow," said the Secretary of Disinvestment and Public Asset Management on X.

Flipkart to hire more than one lakh staff this festive season

Flipkart has decided to ramp up its workforce by hiring more than 1 lakh delivery people across 40 cities during this festive season. These roles would encompass inventory managers, warehouse associates, logistics coordinators, kirana partners and delivery drivers, said the company. Ahead of its planned discount sales, Flipkart has also launched 11 new fulfilment centres across nine cities, bringing the total number of such centres in the country to 83.

Welspun New Energy signs MoU for 1.2 GW hydro project

Welspun New Energy said it had signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Maharashtra, to develop 1.2 GW pumped hydroelectric storage project with an investment of approximately ₹5,000 crore. Named 'Dhamni Pumped Hydro project', the project is expected to enhance India's energy storage capacity, the company said. It will be constructed in Pune and Raigad over 6-7 years.

Domestic demand, easing costs bolster services in Aug.

Activity levels hit a five-month peak as per a private survey, but optimism levels slid to a 13-month low, with new export orders and job creation the weakest in six and four months, respectively

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Business activity in India's services sector accelerated at a five-month high pace in August, aided by productivity gains, cost pressures easing to a four-year low, and higher domestic demand.

But optimism among services firms about next year's prospects slumped to a 13-month low, while it slipped to a 15-month low for private sector manufacturers and services players on the whole, as per a private survey-based index.

The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Services Business Activity Index, based on responses from 400-odd private players, rose to 60.9 in August from 60.3 in July. A reading of over 50 on the seasonally adjusted PMI indicates an expansion in activity levels.

Private sector activity, factoring in manufacturing firms, was unchanged from July levels as per the HSBC India Composite Output Index that had a reading of 60.7 in August. The uptick in Services was tempered by a seven-month low pace of growth in factories' output.

Among services, Finance & Insurance performed the best in terms of output and new orders.

Services gain

The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Services Business Activity Index rose to 60.9 in August from 60.3 in July

- New orders grew at the strongest pace since April
- Among services, Finance & Insurance performed the best in output and new orders
- Just 4% of firms hiked selling prices, primarily in transport, information and communication services

Centre to clear FAME 3 scheme in 1-2 months

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Centre is expected to finalise the third phase of its flagship electric mobility adoption scheme FAME in a month or two, Union Heavy Industries Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said on Wednesday.

He said that an inter-ministerial group was working on the inputs received for the scheme, and efforts are being made to address the issues in the first two phases of the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid and) Electric Vehicle (FAME) scheme.

FAME 3 will replace the temporary Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme (EMPS) 2024, which is set to expire in September.

'Steel imports'

Meanwhile, speaking at an event organised by the Indian Steel Association, Mr. Kumaraswamy said he "will try to convince the finance ministry to raise duties on steel imports to 10-12% from the current 7.5%.

The Minister expressed concerns on the manner in which China was dumping steel into India, and said several players from the steel industry visited him in the last two months and discussed the problems they were facing in growth of the steel industry. "The problem which you are facing from China for that I will try to convince... the finance ministry to look at [raising the duty on steel imports] from 7.5% tax to 10-12% tax," he said.

Govt. extends interest credit for exporters till Sept. 30

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Centre has extended the interest equalisation scheme on pre-and-post-shipment rupee export credit by one month till September 30 to promote outbound shipments.

The scheme helps exporters from select sectors and MSME manufacturers to avail rupee export credit at competitive rates when the global economy is facing headwinds. It ended on August 31. In June, it was extended by two months.

Consumption choices shifting amid rural revival

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

Some green shoots are already visible in rural demand, and the healthy monsoon and progress on crop sowing could bolster India's consumption revival, with an early festive season likely to add to the momentum, Bank of Baroda economists said in a report issued on Wednesday.

The rebound in India's private consumption spending, which grew at a six-quarter high of 7.4% between April and June, was driven by a strong uptick in demand for durables like air conditioners (ACs) amid a protracted heatwave, and other white goods like TVs and mobile phones that generally don't see any seasonal demand in the first quarter.

Dipanwita Mazumdar, an economist at the bank, reckoned this could have been because of softer inflation reported in all durable items barring ACs. On fast moving consumer goods (FMCG), Ms. Mazumdar said production data looks mixed at first sight, but a deeper dive suggests a change in consumer preferences is driving trends rather than weak demand per se.

Among edibles, sales of biscuits, bread have contracted 3% to 5%, but coffee (-8.5%), tea (-13.2%), chocolates (-13.8%), cakes (-17.9%) have seen sharper drops in Q1 over last year, while demand for roasted cashews jumped 43%.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	WEDNESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	82,353	-0.25
US Dollar	84.01	-0.03
Gold	73,600	-0.60
Brent oil	73.22	-1.10

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3012.35	-23.75
Adani Ports	1472.10	-7.45
Apollo Hosp	6930.90	86.05
Asian Paints	3231.65	76.80
Axis Bank	1177.70	-13.90
Bajaj Auto	10963.70	-79.95
Bajaj Finserv	1871.90	6.30
Bajaj Finance	7299.50	-54.30
Bharti Airtel	1561.90	1.30
BPCL	357.25	1.85
Britannia Ind	5926.55	10.50
Cipla	1651.90	-1.30
Coal India	503.65	-15.95
Divis Lab	5096.60	30.60
Dr Reddys Lab	6787.20	-66.65
Eicher Motors	4833.55	-32.25
Grasim Ind	2757.65	50.80
HCL Tech	1785.25	-5.20
HDFC Bank	1641.80	4.45
HDFC Life	758.80	0.05
Hero MotoCorp	5683.75	37.25
Hindalco	666.80	-12.10
Hind Unilever	2841.25	46.95
ICICI Bank	1236.35	-11.35
IndusInd Bank	1434.40	-2.30
Infosys	1922.45	-18.80
ITC	506.35	-3.05
JSW Steel	933.05	2.10
Kotak Bank	1783.80	0.00
L&T	3650.80	-39.35
LTIMindtree Ltd.	6071.20	-74.50
M&M	2749.60	-35.25
Maruti Suzuki	12336.25	-60.85
NestleIndia	2534.75	4.00
NTPC	405.10	-1.30
ONGC	314.40	-7.80
PowerGrid Corp	332.90	-1.75
Reliance Ind	3029.10	10.85
SBI Life	1912.20	-16.45
State Bank	816.50	-8.30
Shriram Finance Ltd.	3243.95	-27.65
Sun Pharma	1832.85	21.35
TataConsumerProduct	1194.95	-4.05
Tata Motors	1080.45	-4.65
Tata Steel	151.18	-0.97
TCS	4479.25	-33.10
Tech Mahindra	1645.30	1.20
Titan	3607.70	-13.45
UltraTech Cement	11580.45	119.65
Wipro	519.15	-16.90

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on September 04

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	83.77	84.09
Euro	92.57	92.93
British Pound	109.87	110.29
Japanese Yen (100)	57.76	57.99
Chinese Yuan	11.77	11.82
Swiss Franc	98.56	98.95
Singapore Dollar	64.09	64.35
Canadian Dollar	61.81	62.05
Malaysian Ringitt	19.23	19.33
Australian Dollar	56.26	56.48

Source:Indian Bank

Centre picks RIL under PLI scheme for ACC battery storage

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

The Ministry of Heavy Industries (MHI) has selected Reliance Industries Ltd. as the successful bidder under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) Battery Storage.

"Reliance Industries Limited has been awarded 10 GWh ACC capacity under Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme based on QCBS mechanism," the Ministry said in a statement.

"This initiative is another step towards enhancing domestic manufacturing capacity, reducing import dependence, and positioning India as a global leader in ACC battery manufacturing," it added.

The Heavy Industries Ministry said that it had received bids from seven bidders under global tender for there-bidding of Production Linked Incentive (PLI) for 10 GWh Advanced Chemistry Cell (ACC) manufacturing with a maximum budgetary outlay of ₹3,620 crore announced on January 24, 2024.

Kinetic Green eyes ₹10,000-crore revenue by 2030

Lalatendu Mishra
MUMBAI

Kinetic Green Private Ltd., which manufactures electric two- and three-wheelers, on Wednesday, announced its foray into the business-to-consumers (B2C) segment with the unveiling of a three-wheeler for passenger transport.

The product to be powered by lithium ion battery for better performance, is expected to be introduced in the last quarter of FY25.

The company also said it targeted to achieve a revenue of ₹10,000 crore by 2030 from ₹900 crore in FY25, through product introductions and market expansion.

Sulajja Firodia Motwani

"Having achieved success through e-Luna and e-rickshaws, our objective is to be the green mobility provider for masses and we will create disruption in the two-wheeler and three-wheeler segment," Sulajja Firodia Motwani, founder & CEO, Kinetic Green, said in an interaction.

Air India MRO in Bengaluru will be ready by early 2026

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Air India Group's new mega MRO (Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul) facility in Bengaluru will be ready and operational by early 2026, Air India, CEO & MD, Campbell Wilson said.

The MRO facility, to be built at an investment of ₹1,400 crore, would hire 1,200 people, he said while addressing the media on Wednesday.

MROs usually hire diverse skill sets including avionics systems engineers, testing professionals, technicians, digital troubleshooters, additive manufacturing experts, professionals with soft skills and also specialists, mechanics and techies with industry-specific expertise.

Campbell Wilson

The upcoming MRO facility, being built on a 35-acre land parcel at the Bangalore International Airport would become an important hub for Air India Group's aircraft maintenance operations in the region, especially when the group was on a transformation mode to modernise its fleet and further expand its domestic and global connectivity, the company said.

Responding to a query on Air India's transformation exercise, he said, "We will, as we've previously said, refit all of the legacy aircraft. The narrow-body refit is well underway and we should have essentially all of the narrow-body aircraft, about 87% of the fleet, completed by June next year."

According to Mr. Wilson, even with the retrofit not commencing until next year, 30% of the wide-body fleet is already modern generation.

Star Health rolls out policy in Braille

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Star Health and Allied Insurance Co. Ltd., announced the launch of India's first insurance policy 'Special Care Gold' in Braille to meet the unique needs of persons with disabilities (PWDs).

This is a significant step towards ensuring that the visually-impaired and blind diaspora can make independent decisions on matters related to their health and finance, said the private insurer. The policy document was produced in collaboration with the National Association of the Blind.

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VACANCY NOTIFICATION
Advertisement No. NARFBR/Consultant/01/2024 dated 03.09.2024

Applications are invited to fill up one post of full time Consultant on contract basis. For essential qualification, experience, age, other terms and conditions along with Application Form visit **www.icmr.nic.in**, **www.narfbr.org**. Interested candidates may download application form and send duly filled application form along with self-attested copies of credentials through email addressed to **ao-narfbr@icmr.gov.in on or before 19.09.2024 till 05:30 PM**. Corrigendum, if any, shall be published on the Institute's website only.

Sd/-
Administrative Officer

राजस्थान पशु चिकित्सा और पशु विज्ञान विश्वविद्यालय, बीकानेर

Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Indigenous items की आपूर्ती हेतु दर संविदा (ई -बोली आंमत्रण सूचना संख्या 01/2024-25 (क्रमांक 127 दिनांक 02.09.2024))

इस विश्वविद्यालय के अधीनस्थ ईकाइयों में Annual Rate Contract for Supply of Indigenous items की आपूर्ती हेतु दो कवर बिड (तकनीकी व वित्तीय बिड) से ऑनलाइन ई–बोली आमंत्रित की जाती है, जिसमें पंजीकृत फर्मो हेतु डी.एस.सी. के माध्यम से दिनांक 03.09.2024 से 23.09.2024 को सांय 5.00 बजे तक बोली प्रपत्र डाउनलोड कर अपलोड कर सकते है। UBN VAU2425GSRC00065 का विस्तृत विवरण स्टेट पोर्टल की वेबसाईट **htttp//sppp.raj.nic.in** विभाग की वेबसाईट **www.rajuvas.org** एवं **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** पर उपलब्ध है।

राज.संवाद/सी/24/4714 — वित्त नियंत्रक

OFFICE OF MUNICIPAL BOARD NIWAI (TONK)
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SR.NO. : MBN//2024-25/4457 — DATE : 30.08.2024

NOTICE INVITING BID

Bids for IOT Based Door to Door Collection and Transportation (for 2 Years) in ward No. 01 to 35 of Municipal Area Niwai (cost 404.19 lacs) are invited from interested bidders up-to 06.00 PM (Time) 23.09.2024 (Date). Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in**) of the state.

NIB NO:- DLB2425SLOB07017

Raj.Samwad/C/24/4592 — Chairman — Executive Officer

कार्यालय अधिशाषी अभियन्ता सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग खण्ड–सपोटरा
क्रमांक 758–71 — दिनांक 29.08.2024

निविदा सूचना संख्या–08/2024–25

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की और से विभिन्न कार्यो के लिए उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग राजस्थान में पंजीकृत संवेदको एवं राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र सरकार के अधिकृत संगठनो/केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण/डाक एवं दुर संचार विभाग/रेल्वे इत्यादि के पंजीकृत संवेदको जो कि राज्य सरकार के एए ए बी सी डी श्रेणी के संवेदको के समकक्ष हो से कार्यो हेतु ई –टेण्डरिंग के माध्यम से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में प्राप्त की जावेगी। अल्पकालीन निविदाओ से संबंधित विवरण बेवसाईट **www.sppp.raj.nic.in** पर देखा जा सकता है।

क्रंस	कार्य का नाम	UBN No	NIB No
1	मिसिंग लिक ग्रामीण बाईपास रोड लेदिया मोड (गैरई रोड) –गोकलपुर मोड (सपोटरा रोड) – बालाजी घाटी (गंगापुर रोड NH-23) तक सडक निर्माण कार्य	PWD2425WSOB04732	PWD2425A1321

DIPR/C/8047/2024 — अधिशाषी अभियन्ता सा. नि. वि.खण्ड सपोटरा

कार्यालय नगरपालिका संगरिया जिला–हनुमानगढ़ (राज0)

ई–निविदा सूचना सं. 03/2024–25

नगरपालिका संगरिया द्वारा ई–निविदा सूचना संख्या 03/2024–25 क्रमांक 2521–2559 दिनांक 02.09.2024 के द्वारा 01 निर्माण सम्बंधी कार्य करवाये जाने हेतु सक्षम श्रेणी के पंजीकृत संवेदक/फर्म/कम्पनी से निर्धारित प्रपत्रों में ऑनलाईन ई–टेण्डरिंग प्रक्रिया द्वारा निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा सम्बंधी विस्तृत जानकारी **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** पर **NIB Code-DLB2425A2205** तथा **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** पर **Tender Id 2024_DLB_416521_1** के द्वारा देखी जा सकती है। अन्य जानकारी कार्यालय समय में किसी भी कार्यदिवस को नगरपालिका कार्यालय एवं सूचना बोर्ड पर देखी जा सकती है। निविदा का संक्षिप्त विवरण निम्नानुसार है :–

Total Work	01
Total Amount	7,52,19,000/-Rupees
Publishing date & Time	02-09-2024 06:00 P.M
Bid document downloading start date & time	02-09-2024 06:00 P.M
Web site for downloading tender document	http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in & http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in
Tender Document submission start date & time	02-09-2024 06:00 P.M
Tender Document download End date & time	16-09-2024 06:00 P.M
Tender Document Submission End date & time	16-09-2024 06:00 P.M
Tender Opening Date &Time	17-09-2024 03:00 P.M
Bid Validity Period	90 days from the date of submission
कार्य का UBN Code निम्न है :–	
Work N0.	UBN Code
1	DLB2425WLOB07160

राज.संवाद/सी/24/4599 — अधिशाषी अधिकारी

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No: NCESS/P&GA/9115/05/2024 Date: 03.09.2024

RECRUITMENT

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Sd/ Senior Manager

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No : 26/2024-25/PHC/KNR (Re-Tender) KIIFB - WSS to Kasaragod municipality and Chemmanad panchayath - Construction of OHSRs at Chattanchal Kunnupara & Delikunnupara and Laying gravity main - Pipeline Work, **EMD :** Rs. 500000, **Tender Fee :** Rs. 19518, **Last Date for Submitting Tender :** 26-09-2024, 03:00 pm, **Phone :** 0497 2705902.
Website : **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
Superintending Engineer
KWA-JB-GL-6-546-2024-25 — **PH Circle, Kannur**

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No.13/STS/ADGP/PCW/2024-25/Call-2 Dated: 30.08.2024

e- TENDER NOTIFICATION

The tender are invited in "Two Cover System" as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through e-Tender of Government of Karnataka website **(www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** for Supply and Install of following items required to the Police Stations across the State.

Sl. No	Tender No.	Particulars	Qty	Last Date for submission of tender
1.	KSP/ 2024-25/ IND0087 Call-2	Supply of Medium End Deskop	600	22/09/2024 by 17:30 hrs
2.		Supply of Medium End Laptop	200	
3.		High End Laptop	07	

Tender forms containing technical specifications, can be downloaded from **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Those who are willing to implement the project must necessarily be registered in e-Procurement portal. The training about e-Procurement is being provided at e-Procurement cell, e-Governance Department, M. S. Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore 560 001. The vendors may contact the Helpline No :91-8046010000 +91-8068948777. For further details the vendors are requested to visit the **website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Tender document will be available on **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**. from **05/09/2024**.

1. Details : Downloading of Tender Document & last date of submission of Tender Document: (from 05/09/2024 to 22/09/2024 before 17:30 hrs). **(2) EMD amount :** Rs.9,50,000/-(Nine Lakh fifty thousand only) which shall be paid online through any of the following modes. **(A)** Credit Card **(B)** Debit Card, **(C)** National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT), **(D)** Detail of the payment mode as mentioned in the bid document (e-payment document available on website).**(3) Pre bid Meeting :** 12-09-2024 at 12.30 hrs.**(4) Technical bid** :24-09-2024 at 11.00 hrs **(5) Commercial bid :** 30-09-2024 at 11.30 hrs.

Sd/-
Director General of Police
Police Computer Wing, Bangalore

DIPR/CP/1742/Zen/2024-25

TAIPEI

U.S. envoy to Taiwan says ties are 'rock solid' amid China concerns

AFP

Raymond F. Greene, the top U.S. envoy to Taiwan on Wednesday said American support for the island is "rock-solid" and added that Washington will follow through on its commitments to ensure the island can defend itself against threats from China. He also stressed on the security of shipping in the crucial Taiwan Strait. AP

ANKARA

Egyptian President el-Sissi makes first visit to Turkiye as ties thaw

AP

Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi kicked off on Wednesday his first official visit to Turkiye since the two regional powers ended years of tensions. Mr. El-Sissi and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan were set to discuss bilateral relations, the war in Gaza and escalating tensions in West Asia. AFP

WINDER

Shooting at Georgia high school results in multiple casualties

AFP

A shooting at a high school in the U.S. State of Georgia resulted in four casualties and students evacuated from the scene. CNN, citing unnamed law enforcement sources, reported that four people had been killed and 30 wounded. Other outlets reported two deaths. Police said they have taken a suspect into custody. AFP

KANO

At least 81 killed in Nigeria in suspected Boko Haram attack

REUTERS

At least 81 people died and several were missing after an attack on Sunday by suspected Boko Haram jihadists in Nigeria's northeastern Yobe State, local officials said. An official said the strike appeared to be a revenge attack "for the killing of two Boko Haram terrorists by vigilantes from the village". AFP

Ukraine Foreign Minister Kuleba quits

Agence France-Presse
KYIV

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba has submitted his resignation, the speaker of parliament said on Wednesday.

The announcement came a day after several other ministers resigned in a significant government reset two-and-a-half years into Russia's invasion.

Mr. Kuleba – the face of Ukrainian diplomacy during the war – is the most senior of the ministers to offer to step down. The 43-year-old has held the post since 2020 and since Russia's 2022 attack travelled the world to advocate for Western support for Kyiv and sanctions on Moscow.

Russia strikes Ukraine's Lviv as its troops advance in east

Three children among seven killed in the attack on the western city, which comes a day after an assault in Poltava that took 53 lives; the latest attack damaged schools and medical facilities in Lviv

Agence France-Presse
LVIV

A Russian strike on west Ukraine's Lviv, hundreds of kilometres from the front, killed seven persons on Wednesday, authorities said as Moscow claimed advances in the war-torn nation's east.

Russia has stepped up its aerial attacks on Ukraine since Kyiv launched an unprecedented cross-border offensive into Russia's Kursk region last month.

The assault on Lviv, which is sheltering thousands displaced by over two years of war, came a day after a Russian strike on the central city of Poltava killed 53 people in one of the deadliest single strikes of the invasion.

Renewed vigour: Rescue officials in Ukraine work to extinguish a fire following a missile attack in Lviv on Wednesday. AFP

"In total, seven persons died in Lviv, including three children," Interior Minister Igor Klymenko wrote on Telegram. The missile attack also wounded 40 people.

The western city near the Polish border is home to a UNESCO world heritage site that covers its old town.

The Lviv attack came as Russia claimed to capture the village of Karlivka in east Ukraine, one of a string of advances in recent weeks as it seeks to capture the Kyiv-held stronghold of Pokrovsk.

Karlivka is about 30 km from Pokrovsk, a city that lies on a key supply route for the Ukrainian army and has long been a target for Moscow.

Xi hosts African leaders at grand summit in Beijing

Agence France-Presse
BEIJING

Chinese President Xi Jinping hosted more than two dozen African leaders at a banquet in Beijing on Wednesday, kicking off the city's biggest summit in years with promises of cooperation in infrastructure, energy and education.

China, the world's number two economy, is Africa's largest trading partner and has sought to tap the continent's vast troves of natural resources including copper, gold, lithium and rare earth minerals. It has also furnished African countries with billions in loans.

Twenty-five African leaders have arrived in Beijing or confirmed attendance at this week's China-Africa forum.

Xi Jinping, centre, and wife with leaders from African countries at the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation in Beijing. REUTERS

Ties with Nigeria

Mr. Xi called during a meeting on Tuesday with President Bola Tinubu of Nigeria – one of China's biggest borrowers on the continent – for greater cooperation.

He also promised cooperation in "investment, trade, infrastructure, mineral resources" and other areas during talks on the same day with Zimbabwean President Emmerson Mnangagwa. Mr. Xi backed Zimbabwe in its struggle against "illegal sanctions" imposed by the U.S.

Bangladesh launches operation to recover looted weapons

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

Bangladeshi security forces have launched an operation to recover thousands of guns, including those seized during deadly unrest that led to the ouster of autocratic leader Sheikh Hasina, the police said on Wednesday.

Weeks of student-led demonstrations escalated into mass protests, with Ms. Hasina fleeing by helicopter to India on August 5.

Police had tried to stem the protests with gunfire but protesters responded by storming and looting police stations, when weapons were seized.

More than 3,700 weapons of different types had been recovered during an amnesty to surrender guns that ended on Tuesday.

However, more than 2,000 weapons, including rifles, are missing, along with thousands of rounds of ammunition and hundreds of tear gas canisters and stun grenades.

The Army and the police, as well as other security force units including the paramilitary Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) and Ansar forces, are taking part in the weapons sweep.

Myanmar junta chief warns civilians of 'counterattacks' in opponent-held areas

Agence France-Presse
YANGON

Myanmar's embattled junta chief has warned civilians in territory recently captured by ethnic minority armed groups to prepare for military counterattacks, state media reported on Wednesday.

The military has lost swaths of territory near the border with China in northern Shan State to an alliance of armed ethnic minority groups and "People's Defence Forces" battling to overturn its 2021 coup. The groups have seized a regional military command and taken control of lucrative border trade crossings, prompting rare public criticism by military supporters of the junta's top leadership.

No let-up: The country's junta is accused of bloody rampages and using air and artillery strikes to punish civilian communities. AFP

Junta troops "will... launch counterattacks", junta chief Min Aung Hlaing said on Tuesday in the Shan State capital Taunggyi, according to the Global New Light of Myanmar.

He accused the alliance of using "administrative buildings and innocent civilians as human shields".

"Therefore, the people residing in towns and villages where the terrorists unlawfully occupied should be aware of security so as not to face exploitation."

The junta is battling widespread armed opposition and its soldiers are accused of bloody rampages and using air and artillery strikes to punish civilian communities. It announced this week that the three main ethnic minority armed groups battling the military in Shan State had been officially declared "terrorist" organisations.

Israeli far-right Minister opposes Gaza truce talks

Agence France-Presse
JERUSALEM

An Israeli far-right Minister stepped up pressure on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Wednesday to end negotiations for a Gaza ceasefire aimed at securing the release of hostages.

National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir called for an end to indirect talks with Hamas, which Israel has accused of executing six hostages whose bodies were found in a Gaza tunnel last week.

"A country whose six hostages are murdered in cold blood does not negotiate with the killers, but ends the talks, stops the transfer of fuel and electricity, and crushes them until they collapse," Mr. Ben Gvir wrote on X.

Indirect talks between Israel and Hamas have been held for months through mediators the United States, Egypt and Qatar, but so far there has been no breakthrough.

The U.S. said on Tuesday it was time to "finalise" a deal to end the war that would help free the hostages in exchange for an unspecified number of Palestinian prisoners.

Sport

Sabalenka enters her fourth successive semifinal

US OPEN

Agence France-Presse
NEW YORK

Karolina Muchova of the Czech Republic reached the US Open semifinals for a second successive year on Wednesday with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Beatriz Haddad Maia of Brazil.

Frances Tiafoe, meanwhile, heads into Friday's all-American US Open semifinal against Taylor Fritz insisting that nobody is unbeatable anymore.

This year's US Open has seen 24-time Slam winner and four-time New York champion Novak Djokovic suffer his earliest exit in 18 years.

Carlos Alcaraz, the 2022 champion and winner this year at the French Open and Wimbledon, was also a first-week casualty.

Extra special: Fritz finally came through at home, beating Zverev in a hard-fought four-setter to reach a Major semifinal for the first time. GETTY IMAGES

Five-time US Open champion Roger Federer is long retired while Rafael Nadal, a four-time winner, is 38 and absent from this edition, heading into the twilight of his career.

"It was only a matter of time, the game is open. It's not like it once was where you make quarterfinals, you play Rafa, and you're looking at flights," said Tiafoe. "Now it's just totally different and no one's unbeatable, especially later in the season where guys are maybe a little bit cooked."

Tiafoe, the 20th seed, progressed to the semifinals on Tuesday after ninth-ranked Grigor Dimitrov suffered an injury in the third set of their quarterfinal and quit in the fourth with the score at 6-3, 6-7(5), 6-3, 4-1.

Tiafoe also reached the last four in 2022 while Fritz booked a place in his first Grand Slam semifinal by defeating 2020 runner-up and fourth-ranked Alexander Zverev 7-6(2), 3-6, 6-4, 7-6(3).

Friday's semifinal will be the first all-American men's singles last-four clash since Andre Agassi defeated Robby Ginepri at the 2005 US Open.

World No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka demolished Olympic gold medallist Zheng Qinwen to reach a fourth successive US Open semifinal on Tuesday.

THE RESULTS

Quarterfinals: Men: 12-Fritz (USA) bt 4-Zverev (Ger) 7-6(2), 3-6, 6-4, 7-6(3).
Women: Muchova (Cze) bt 22-Haddad Maia (Bra) 6-1, 6-4.
2-Sabalenka (Blr) bt 7-Zheng (Chn) 6-1, 6-2.
Semifinals: Mixed doubles: Young & Townsend (USA) bt 8-Bopanna (Ind) & Sutjiadi (Ina) 6-3, 6-4.

Australian Open champion Sabalenka triumphed 6-1, 6-2 and will take on Emma Navarro of the United States for a place in the final. It will be a ninth career semifinal at the Slams for the 26-year-old from Belarus.

Rohan Bopanna and Indonesia's Aldila Sutjiadi lost to the American pair Donald Young and Taylor Townsend 6-3, 6-4 in the mixed doubles semifinal.

'It's not something we want to see in tennis'

Associated Press
NEW YORK

Roger Federer thinks Jannik Sinner's doping case raises questions about whether the current No. 1-ranked tennis player should have been allowed to continue competing until he was absolved of intentionally using an anabolic steroid he tested positive for twice in March.

"It's not something we want to see in our sport, these types of news, regardless if he did something or not. Or any player did. It's just noise that we don't want. I understand the frustration of: Has he been treated the same as others? And I think this is where it comes down to. We all trust pretty much at the end, he didn't do anything," Federer said on Tuesday in an appearance on the "Today" show.

Federer. REUTERS

Inconsistency

"But the inconsistency, potentially, that he didn't have to sit out while they were not 100 per cent sure what was going on – I think that's the question that needs to be answered."

FALLING SHORT

I feel I could have done better but it was not my day, says Sachin

REUTERS

World champion Sachin Khilari, who clinched a silver in the men's shot put F46 event with an Asian record of 16.32m, said he was aiming for the top spot. "I wanted to win the gold but it did not happen. It's my best throw but I am not satisfied. I feel I could have done better. It was not my day," said Sachin.

OVERWHELMING

Ukrainian coach gets emotional after hearing about Sharad's feat

ANI

Para high jumper Sharad Kumar has not met his Ukrainian coach Nikitin Yevhen for more than two years due to the war between Russia and Ukraine. "I spoke to him last night, he is very happy. He sent me an audio... he was almost crying. It has been very difficult for him. He is alone as his kids are in the war. It's a difficult situation."

BANG BANG

Head, Australia smash PowerPlay records against Scotland

AP

Travis Head smashed 80, including a record-breaking 73 in PowerPlay, as Australia scored the highest T20I PowerPlay total (113 for one) while chasing down Scotland's 154 at Edinburgh on Wednesday.
The scores: Scotland 154/9 in 20 overs (Abbott 3/39) lost to Australia 156/3 in 9.4 overs (Head 80, Marsh 39).

BIG CHALLENGE

Gill hopes to make the 10 Tests count and meet his expectations

SUDHAKARA JAIN

Shubman Gill has not fully bloomed as a Test cricketer. But with India scheduled to play 10 Tests in the next four months, he hopes to improve. "Yes, I haven't reached my expectations yet. But we have 10 Tests ahead of us. Hopefully, after those matches, I will be able to meet my expectations," said Gill ahead of the Duleep Trophy.

Harvinder's shooting prowess to the fore in the recurve open

Sachin, Ajeet and Sharad's silver, coupled with Sundar and Mariyappan's bronze, swell India's medals tally to a record 22

PARIS 2024

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PARIS

Harvinder Singh scripted history by becoming the first Indian archer to clinch a gold at the Paralympics, after World champion shot-putter Sachin Sarjerao Khilari's record-shattering silver-winning effort, as the country's athletes continued to surpass expectations in its best ever performance at the Games here.

The 33-year-old Harvinder, who won a bronze three years ago in Tokyo, bettered the colour of his medal with a superlative performance of five consecutive wins.

He defeated Poland's Lukasz Ciszek 6-0 (28-24, 28-27, 29-25) in a one-sided final to seal the deal.

Harvinder had earlier overturned a 1-3 deficit to prevail over Iran's Mohammad Reza Arab Ameri 7-3.

Both legs of the Haryana archer were impaired while he was still a toddler owing to a dengue treatment gone wrong.

India's pride: Harvinder is pleased as punch after his stupendous display; Sachin heaves the shot to a record distance; Ajeet and Sundar pose after the podium finish; high jumper Sharad snaps a selfie with the champion Frech and compatriot Mariyappan. GETTY IMAGES, REUTERS

Earlier, the 34-year-old Sachin pulled off a 16.32m throw in his second attempt of the F46 category final to better his own Asian record of 16.30m which he set in May while winning gold at the Worlds in Japan.

Their performance took India's medal haul to 22 and the nation is currently placed 15th in the standings with four gold, eight silver and 10 bronze medals.

Sachin's silver was also India's 11th medal from track-and-field, the Tokyo haul of one gold, five silver and two bronze medals long overhauled.

World champion sprinter Simran entered the semifinals of the 100m (T12) event with a season's best timing of 12.17s.

In table tennis, Tokyo edition silver-medallist Bhavinaben Patel lost to China's Ying Zhou 3-1 in the class 4 quarterfinal.

Late on Tuesday night, Indians won silver and bronze in both men's high jump T63 and javelin throw F46.

Sharad Kumar and Mariyappan Thangavelu won silver and bronze respectively in the high jump event.

Ajeet Singh and Sundar Singh Gurjar took the second and third spots in the javelin contest.

Medals table

	Country	G	S	B	T
1	China	59	41	26	126
2	Great Britain	31	25	16	72
3	USA	25	24	11	60
4	Netherlands	16	7	5	28
5	France	15	17	18	50
15	**India**	**4**	**8**	**10**	**22**

Pipers serve it hot against Patriots, enter knockouts

UTT

Amol Karhadkar
CHENNAI

In a franchise league as fiercely competitive as Ultimate Table Tennis, the ideal scenario is to have fate in your own hands going into the last tie.

Facing a similar situation, Ahmedabad SG Pipers responded positively in its clash against another debutant, Jaipur Patriots. The 12-3 victory not only matched the record margin (Chennai Lions against Puneri Paltan TT), but also assured the team a spot in the knockouts.

Ahmedabad's facile victory at the Nehru Stadium on Wednesday also meant that Lions' late charge a night earlier wasn't enough to take it through.

In fact, the moment Bernadette Szocs and Manush Shah combined to take an unassailable 2-0 lead in the mixed doubles tie against Cho Seungmin and Nithyashree Mani, the last semifinal slot was sealed and the Ahmedabad camp had a mini-celebration.

Opening salvo: Bardet's win over Cho was the springboard for Pipers' record-equalling triumph. R. RAVINDRAN

Mere formality

Thanks to the Lions' unprecedented 12-3 win in their penultimate league clash, Pipers had to win seven games against Patriots.

It was going to be a mere formality as the Jaipur outfit was far from competitive, reeling under a spate of injuries and mediocre performances.

Once Lilian Bardet stunned southpaw Cho in the opening rubber, Szocs – the league's highest-ranked (World No. 13) paddler – followed it up with a clean slate against Suthasini Sawettabut.

After the mixed doubles success, left-hander Manush eased past S.F.R. Snehit who has been struggling with a knee injury.

Lucky Manush

In the last game, with the lanky Snehit putting up a fight, Manush was fortunate to convert the first game point as the ball landed close to the net.

Reeth Rishya converted golden points twice against local girl Nithyashree as Ahmedabad overtook Dabang Delhi TTC to finish second in the league stage.

The results:

Ahmedabad SG Pipers bt Jaipur Patriots 12-3 (Lilian Bardet bt Cho Seungmin 11-9, 10-11, 11-10; Bernadette Szocs bt Suthasini Sawettabut 11-10, 11-3, 11-6; Manush Shah & Szocs bt Cho & Nithyashree Mani 11-9, 11-5, 8-11; Manush Shah bt Snehit SFR 11-6, 11-6, 8-11; Reeth Rishya bt Moumita Dutta 11-10, 11-9, 11-10).

Final league standings:

PBG Bengaluru Smashers 48 points, Ahmedabad SG Pipers 42, Dabang Delhi TTC 41, Athlead Goa Challengers 37.

Chennai Lions 37, U Mumba TT 36, Puneri Paltan Table Tennis 31, and Jaipur Patriots 28 (all teams played five matches).

The semifinal line-up:

PBG Bengaluru Smashers vs Athlead Goa Challengers (Thursday, 7.30 p.m.).

Ahmedabad SG Pipers vs Dabang Delhi TTC (Friday, 7.30 p.m.).

Cream of India's cricketing talent to duke it out for honours in the Duleep Trophy

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

In Indian domestic cricket's recent history, Duleep Trophy has been the laboratory. Played in the zonal format for more than five decades, the red-ball tournament, starting 2016-17, has seen players inorganically distributed into teams named blue, green and red, the colour of the ball changed and even played under lights.

Two years ago, it went back to the original region-wise format, only for the BCCI top-brass to shake things up again. From Thursday, four teams, uncreatively named A, B, C and D, will compete in this year's competition, with A taking on B at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here and C meeting D in Anantapur (Andhra Pradesh) in the first round.

For all the experiments, though, Duleep Trophy is not an event in search of meaning. India-A may well have become the stepping stone for national-team selection, but a big splash in the Duleep, especially when it is the season-opener, can make the ripples travel far and wide.

The candidates: Avesh, Rahul, Mayank, Tilak Varma and Gill, among others, will hope to catch the selectors' eye with their performances. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The tourney is also being held at a time when the BCCI has brandished a stick at those chasing only IPL carrots and made it clear that red-ball remains the premier format.

Against this backdrop, the cream of India's cricketing talent, including national-team India regulars such as Shubman Gill, K.L. Rahul, Kuldeep Yadav and Yashasvi Jaiswal will all be in action. Swashbuckling wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant will return to red-ball cricket for the first time since his horrific car accident in December 2022.

With the home Test series against Bangladesh just two weeks away and India-A set to embark on a tour of Australia in November, shadowing the national team, the Ajit Agarkar-led selection panel and the new team-management helmed by head coach Gautam Gambhir will be looking at the Duleep Trophy for a few cues to shore up the bench strength.

High on the wish list will be the unearthing of a back-up opener to Yashasvi and Rohit Sharma. With Virat Kohli and Rahul expected to slot back straight in after missing nearly the whole of the home series against England, a handful, led by Sarfaraz Khan, will look to make the grade as middle-order reinforcements.

India is scheduled to play 10 Tests in less than four months. So, finding fast-bowling reserves from among Akash Deep, Mukesh Kumar, Vidwath Kaverappa etc. will also be of paramount importance. But Prasidh Krishna will miss the Duleep opener, courtesy an injury that has kept him out since January.

The teams (from):

A: Shubman Gill (Capt.), Mayank Agarwal, Riyan Parag, Dhruv Jurel, K.L. Rahul, Tilak Varma, Shivam Dube, Tanush Kotian, Kuldeep Yadav, Akash Deep, Khaleel Ahmed, Avesh Khan, Vidwath Kaverappa, Kumar Kushagra, Shaswat Rawat.

B: Abhimanyu Easwaran (Capt.), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Sarfaraz Khan, Rishabh Pant, Musheer Khan, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Washington Sundar, Navdeep Saini, Yash Dayal, Mukesh Kumar, Rahul Chahar, R. Sai Kishore, Mohit Awasthi, N. Jagadeesan.

Match begins at 9.30 a.m.

Shreyas looks to re-establish his red-ball credentials

Abhishek Saini
ANANTAPUR

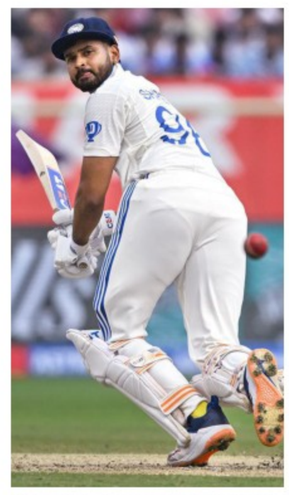
Shreyas Iyer's shot at redeeming himself in red-ball cricket will begin on Thursday when he leads Team-D against Ruturaj Gaikwad's Team-C in the Duleep Trophy at the Rural Trust Development Stadium here. The 29-year-old last played a Test for India in February.

Ishan Kishan was supposed to accompany Shreyas in the journey, but an injury suffered during the Buchi Babu tournament has ruled him out.

Suryakumar Yadav's hand injury, also suffered during the same tournament, meant Team-C was also not spared.

In Suryakumar's absence, Ruturaj would need all the help he can get from the Tamil Nadu duo of B. Indrajith and Sai Sudharsan, with the latter heading in on the back of a County Championship hundred.

Axar Patel's all-round abilities will also go a long way in reinforcing Team-D's batting too, which appears to run thin in Ishan's absence.



Shreyas. FILE PHOTO: K.R. DEEPAK

Devdutt Padikkal, Yash Dubey, and Atharva Taide are likely to form the top order, with Shreyas and one of K.S. Bharat or Ricky Bhui anchoring the middle order.

In the 16 First Class games played at the venue, pacers have accounted for 361 batters. Spinners, on the other hand, have just 112 wickets.

If the pitch plays the same, in Arshdeep Singh, Tushar Deshpande and Harshit Rana, Team-D has a pace trio that can extract the most out of it.

Team-C's pace battery is of a different mould. Between them, Gaurav Yadav and Sandeep Warrier have 112 First Class games. Vyshak Vijayakumar, who has played 20 FC matches, is the likeliest third-seam option.

The teams (from):

C: Ruturaj Gaikwad (Capt.), Sai Sudharsan, Rajat Patidar, Abishek Porel (wk), Suryakumar Yadav, B. Indrajith, Hrithik Shokeen, Manav Suthar, Gaurav Yadav, Vyshak Vijaykumar, Anshul Khamboj, Himanshu Chauhan, Mayank Markande, Aryan Juyal (wk), and Sandeep Warrier.

D: Shreyas Iyer (Capt.), Atharva Taide, Yash Dubey, Devdutt Padikkal, Sanju Samson (wk), Ricky Bhui, Saransh Jain, Axar Patel, Arshdeep Singh, Aditya Thakare, Harshit Rana, Tushar Deshpande, Akash Sengupta, K.S. Bharat (wk), and Saurabh Kumar.

INBRIEF

Dravid set to be appointed Rajasthan Royals head coach

Rahul Dravid is set to take over Rajasthan Royals' head coach role in the IPL 2025, sources said. Dravid, who is currently on a short break since India's T20 World Cup victory in June, will soon start working with the franchise on important issues such as player retention ahead of the auction later this year. Kumar Sangakkara, who has been Royals' Director of Cricket since 2021, will continue in his role.

Pranjali takes bronze in sports pistol after world record

Pranjali Dhumal shot a world record 571 in qualification but was pushed to the bronze medal in sports pistol by two Ukraine shooters in the second World Deaf shooting championship in Hannover, Germany.

The results: 25m sports pistol: Women: 1. Sofia Olenych (Ukr) 40 (WR) 553; 2. Halyna Mosina (Ukr) 35 (558); 3. Pranjali Dhumal 29 (571 WR); 5. Anuya Prasad 21 (558); 9. Vedka Sharma 473.
50m rifle prone: Men: 1. Colin Mueller (Ger) 247.9 (WR) 613.7; 2. Erik Heiss (Ger) 247.2 (617.0); 3. Dmytro Petrenko (Ukr) 223.7 (616.2); 9. Kushagra Rajawat 611.7; 12. Shourya Saini 6-7.8.

Leicester wins appeal over PL's jurisdiction in PSR breaches

Leicester City has won an appeal against a decision that could have led to a points deduction for an alleged breach of Premier League Profitability and Sustainability rules, the club said on Tuesday. Leicester appealed on the grounds that an independent commission ruling on the case did not have jurisdiction, which was upheld by an independent appeal board.

LIVE TELECAST

Duleep Trophy: Sports 18-3 & JioCinema, 9.30 a.m.
Paralympics: DD Sports & JioCinema, 1.30 p.m. onwards
Athletics: Diamond League, Sports 18-3 & JioCinema, 11.30 p.m.
US Open: Sony Sports Ten 2, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 4.30 a.m. (Friday)

Gagandeep's inspired spell gives Chhattisgarh big lead

The left-arm spinner's four-wicket haul shines in the visitor's bowling effort — its tweakers took nine wickets in all — as it gains a 273-run first-innings advantage over TNCA XI

BUCHI BABU

S. Prasanna Venkatesan
DINDIGUL

Left-arm spinner Gagandeep Singh claimed four for 34 to help Chhattisgarh bowl out TNCA XI for 194 and secure a 273-run first-innings lead on day three of the Buchi Babu tournament semifinal at the NPR College cricket ground here on Wednesday.

The Chhattisgarh tweakers took nine wickets in all.

Attacking stand

After TNCA XI lost its openers early, skipper Pradosh Ranjan Paul (22, 31b, 4x4) and Ajitesh (39, 57b, 6x4) engaged in an attacking 51-run third-wicket stand that lasted 63 balls.

Left-hander Pradosh remarkably played an exquisite cover drive for a boundary off Jeevesh Butte. But his positive intent led to his dismissal. His slog sweep off Gagandeep was caught by Vasudev Bareth at deep midwicket.

The highlight of Ajitesh's innings was the sweep. He paddle-swept Butte for a four to the fine-leg boundary, and four balls later paddle-swept again for a fine-leg four off Gagandeep. Yet, he perished missing his paddle sweep off left-arm spinner Shashank Tiwari to be dismissed leg before wicket.

Wrecker-in-chief: Gagandeep rocked the TNCA XI middle-order. G. KARTHIKEYAN

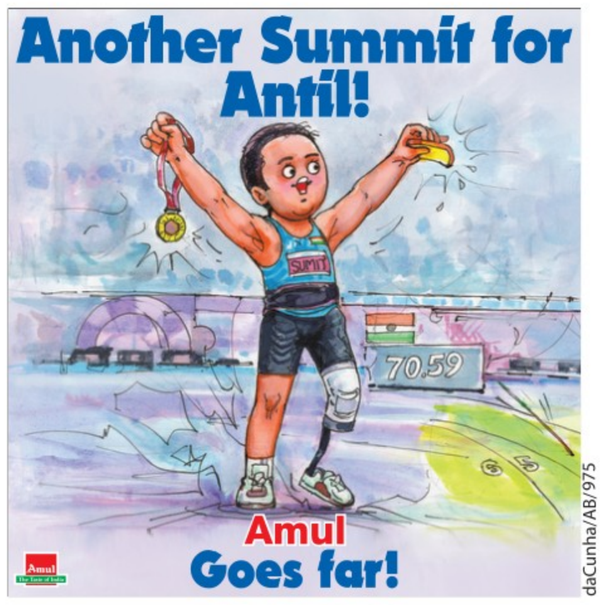
Thereafter, TNCA XI was reduced to 110 for six, before Gagandeep picked up three wickets in a row.

Left-hander Mokit Hariharan (28) had his backfoot whip caught by Anuj Tiwari at short midwicket, while fellow left-hander Ajith Ram charged and hit it straight to Anuj Tiwari at short midwicket.

Nidhish S. Rajagopal (34), the last left-hander to fall, missed his backfoot block to be bowled.

Earlier, off-spinner Lakshay Jain completed his five-wicket haul (five for 152) as Chhattisgarh finished with 467.

The scores (semifinals, day three): Chhattisgarh 467 in 150.5 overs (Ayush Pandey 82, Anuj Tiwari 93, Amandeep Khare 97, Prateek Yadav 109, Ajith Ram 4/115, Lakshay Jain 5/152) & 49/3 in 27 overs vs. TNCA XI 194 in 64.4 overs (Gagandeep Singh 4/34).
At Tirunelveli: Hyderabad 313 & 227/7 in 75 overs (Rohit Rayudu 61) vs. TNCA President's XI 327 in 100.4 overs (S. Rithik Easwaran 100, M. Mohammed 47, Tanay Thyagarajan 7/95).



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Pakistan drops to eighth in Test rankings

Press Trust of India
DUBAI

Pakistan's first-ever series loss to Bangladesh has resulted in Shan Masood's team slipping down to the eighth position in the ICC Test rankings besides having a lowest rating points (76) since 1965.

"Pakistan dropped two places in the ICC Men's Test Team Rankings to go to eighth position after suffering a shock series loss at home to Bangladesh," the ICC said on its website.

"The hosts were sixth in the rankings table before the series, but back-to-back losses have seen them drop below West Indies to eighth with 76 rating points.

"This is the lowest rating points Pakistan have had in the Test rankings table since 1965, barring a brief period where they did not have a place in the rankings due to an insufficient number of matches."

Bangladesh remains in ninth position and behind Pakistan despite gaining 13 rating points.

However, for the WTC cycle 2023-25 it is now placed fourth behind table-topper India, Australia and New Zealand.

Rithik, Tanay sizzle as President's XI and Hyderabad wrestle for supremacy

Tarun Shastry
TIRUNELVELI

A double bluff, a seven-wicket haul, a well-carved-out century, a slim lead, and a wagging tail were the highlights of the penultimate day's play in the Buchi Babu semifinal between TNCA President's XI and Hyderabad here on Wednesday.

In the second over of the day, left-arm pacer C.V. Milind made a strategic call, shifting a fielder from midwicket to deep square leg and positioning another at fine-leg.

M. Mohammed (47, 80b, 6x4) – anticipating a short delivery after the field changes – was done in by a full-length delivery that swung away.

This broke the 98-run seventh-wicket association between Mohammed and S. Rithik Easwaran. The latter reached his milestone (100, 140b, 9x4, 2x6) and gave his team the lead before it was bowled out for 327.

Stellar numbers

Left-arm spinner Tanay Thyagarajan, who quickly dismissed Jhathavedh Subramanyan, Gurjapneet Singh, and Rithik, finished with figures of (31.4-3-95-7).

In its second essay, Hyderabad was immediately pushed onto the back foot as Mohammed and left-arm pacer Gurjapneet got rid of Rahul Singh and M. Abhirath in a span of eight deliveries. Off-spinner S. Mohammed Ali removed Nitesh Kannala, leaving the visitor in a spot of bother at 28 for three.

Rohit Rayudu (61, 104b, 7x4, 1x6) and Hima Teja (37, 81b, 2x4) put the innings back on the rails with an 86-run fourth-wicket union, pushing the lead past 100.

However, Gurjapneet (three for 27) and Mohammed (three for 39) struck under the afternoon sun as Hyderabad was reduced to 154 for seven.

But T. Ravi Teja (33 batting, 56b, 2x4) and Milind (37 batting, 76b, 1x4, 1x6) produced a fighting 73-run eighth-wicket stand to swell the visitors' advantage to 213.

Stars of the day: While Rithik's century gave President's XI the crucial first-innings lead, Tanay claimed an impressive seven-for. A. SHAIKMOHIDEEN

Rithvik, Arjun in quarters

TENNIS

Sports Bureau

Second seeds Rithvik Bollipalli and Arjun Kadhe beat David Pel and Bart Stevens of the Netherlands 6-4, 6-4 in the doubles pre-quarterfinals of the $133,250 Challenger tennis in Shanghai, China, on Wednesday.

Other results: €74,825 Challenger, Cassis, France: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinals: Siddhant Banthia & Bruno Navarro (Esp) bt Fabien Salle (Fra) & Adria Barrera (Col) 6-4, 6-4.
$82,000 Challenger, Istanbul: Doubles: Pre-quarterfinal: Michael Geerts (Bel) & Divij Sharan bt Cezar Cretu & Bogdan Pavel (Rou) 6-4, 6-7(6), [10-5]; Egor Agafonov & Ilia Simakin bt Joshua Paris (GBR) & Ramkumar Ramanathan 6-1, 6-2.
$25,000 ITF men, Nakhon Si Thammarat: Men: First round: S. Mukund bt Jirat Navasirisomboon (Tha) 6-3, 6-2; Dheeraj Srinivasan bt Tanakorn Srirat (Tha) 6-3, 6-2; Xu Weitao (Chn) bt Sai Karteek Reddy 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Women: First round: Vaidehi Chaudhari bt Vaishnavi Adkar 6-2, 6-1.
$15,000 ITF men, Tashkent: First round: Sidharth Rawat bt Damir Abdusamadov (Uzb) 7-5, 6-4; Vishnu Vardhan bt Edison Ambarzumjan (Ger) 7-6(5), 6-3; Seydina Andre (Sen) bt Adil Kalyanpur 6-1, 6-4.

Sharath, Manika to lead at Asian TT championships

At the helm: Sharath and Manika. FILE PHOTO: EMMANUAL YOGINI

Sports Bureau
CHENNAI

A. Sharath Kamal and Manika Batra will lead the Indian men's and women's teams respectively in the 27th Asian table tennis championships, scheduled in Astana (Kazakhstan) from October 7 to 13.

The championships will witness the participation of the continent's top players, and the selection committee has named the squad accordingly to compete on this grand stage, a release from Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) said.

TTFI has taken into account the world ranking, international experience, and performance at national-level as the key criteria for the final squad.

The Asian championships hold significant importance to the Indian team as it is a crucial qualification event for the Worlds and Asian Games.

The team: Men: A. Sharath Kamal (capt.), Manav Thakkar, Harmeet Desai, G. Sathiyan, Manush Shah.
Reserves: S.F.R. Snehit, Jeet Chandra.
Women: Manika Batra (capt.), Sreeja Akula, Ayhika Mukherjee, Diya Chitale, Sutirtha Mukherjee.
Reserves: Yashaswini Ghorpade and Poymantee Baisya.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Bedare stars for KSCA Secretary's XI

Kishan S. Bedare (93 batting) helped KSCA Secretary's XI post 280 for six on day one of its KSCA Capt K. Thimmaappaiah Memorial encounter against Gujarat in Bengaluru on Wednesday.
The scores: At Bengaluru: KSCA Secretary's XI 280/6 in 90 overs (Kishan S. Bedare 93 batting, K.L. Shrijith 37, Shreyas Gopal 49, Yashovardhan Parantap 31, Saral Prajapati 3/74) vs. Gujarat.
Chhattisgarh 291/5 in 85 overs (Ashutosh Singh 38, Shashank Singh 129, Eknath Kelkar 67 n.o., Adithya Nair 3/73) vs. KSCA XI.
Maharashtra 345/5 in 90 overs (Murtaza Trunkwala 85, Ankeet Bawane 134, Azim Kazi 84) vs. KSCA President's XI.
Madhya Pradesh 302/2 in 90 overs (Shubranshu Senapati 136 batting, Shubham Sharma 142) vs. Goa.
Vidarbha 317/5 in 86 overs (Dhurv Shorye 79, Satyam Bhoyar 67, Aman Mokhade 82, Yash Rathod 57, V.P. Diran 3/42) vs. Tamil Nadu.
Andhra 293/6 in 88 overs (M. Abhishek 34, S.K. Rasheed 75, Aswin Hebbar 89 batting, Revanth Reddy 62, Mohd. Juned Khan 3/39) vs. Mumbai.
At Mysuru: KSCA Colts 310/8 for 8 in 84.0 overs (Harshil Dharmani 40, K.P. Karthikeya 27, Samit Dravid 91, P. Dhruv 63 batting, Shubhang Hegde 35, Suryakant Pradhan 3/46) vs. Odisha.
Baroda 181 in 68.2 overs (Ninad Rathwa 33, Atit Sheth 48, Pradip Yadav 28, Karshkothari 4/45) vs. Dr. D.Y. Patil Cricket Academy 28/4 in 14.1 overs.

Krushna and Gaurav fashions Holy Saint's 10-wicket win

Krushna V. Rao (4/4) and Gaurav Venkatesh (5/30) helped Holy Saint English School register a 10-wicket win over DPS, North to enter the final of the K.M. Ramprasad Shield U-16 first division tournament. In the summit clash, Holy Saint will meet DPS, South, which got past Jain Heritage School by virtue of having secured the first-innings lead.
The scores (semifinals): Jain Heritage School 138 in 64.3 overs (Aaryansinh Chavda 46, K. Nakuldev Shetty 33, Aryan Jain 3/29, M. Jayan Samyog 4/26) drew with
DPS, South 238 in 82.3 overs (Syaamantak Anirudh 84, Aakash Suresh 32, Aryan Jain 25, S. Leshan 5/36).
DPS, North 87 in 52.4 overs (Krushna V. Rao 4/4) & 61 in 28 overs (Gaurav Venkatesh 5/30) lost to Holy Saint English School 145 in 63.2 overs (K. Akhil 65, Ayaan Sharmod Kumar 5/40, Anand Ramesh 3/36) & seven for no loss in 1.1 overs.

Karnataka thrashes Meghalaya

Derrin Treesa Sumesh scored a hat-trick as Karnataka thrashed Meghalaya 6-1 in the National sub-junior girls football in Malda, West Bengal.
The result: Karnataka 6 (Derrin Treesa Sumesh 36, 48, 61, Prathiksha 23, 70, Nida Sheikh 66) bt Meghalaya 1 (Shirley Nongkhlaw Marbaniang 11).

Prajwal stars for Team Wildboar

A brace from Prajwal helped Team Wildboar secure a 5-3 victory over Bengaluru Blues HC-A in the second phase of the D.S. Murthy Memorial hockey tournament here on Wednesday.
The result: Team Wildboar 5 (Prajwal 31, 57, Ponnanna 32, Bopanna 36, Nikhil 48) bt Bengaluru Blues HC-A 3 (A. Ajith 12, 51, R. Govindraj 28).

Sehaj and Sreenidhi enter quarterfinals

Top seeds Sehaj Singh Pawar and Sreenidhi Balaji both entered the singles quarterfinals at the KSLTA-ITF Junior world Tour J30 tennis tournament being held here.

Sehaj overcame Tanussh Ghildyal 7-6(2), 7-6(3) while Sreenidhi defeated Disha Kumar 6-2, 6-0.

It's Casteel vs. Del Aviz

MYSURU: Casteel and Del Aviz may fight out the finish of the Srikantadatta Narasimharaajawadiyar Memorial Multi Million (1,400m), the feature event of the opening days races to be held here on Thursday (Sept. 5). False rails (width about 1.5m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 LAVASA PLATE (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 2-00 p.m.: 1. Break Away (9) Akash Agarwal 62.5, 2. D Fighter (7) M. Prabhakaran 62, 3. Double Vision (11) Abhishek Matre 60, 4. Mystikos (5) S.J. Moulin 60, 5. Stone House (1) Prabhu K 59.5, 6. Fleet Tactical (3) Md. Mushraf 59, 7. Royal Title (14) P. Siddaraju 59, 8. Arigato (15) Salman Khan 57.5, 9. Polar Wind (4) L.A. Rozario 57.5, 10. Raaz (13) K. Rajesh 57.5, 11. Clyde Star (12) Jagadeesh 56, 12. Sacred Creator (8) M. Rajesh K 56, 13. My Visionary (10) P.P. Dhebe 55.5, 14. Morganite (6) Madhu Sudhan 54.5 and 15. Bacchus (2) Ayaz Khan 53.5.
1. MYSTIKOS, 2. MY VISIONARY, 3. DOUBLE VISION

2 VARADA PLATE (DIV. II), (1,100m), rated 20 to 45, 2-30: 1. Perfect Empress (2) Prabhu K 60, 2. The Sizable (12) Afsar Khan 57.5, 3. Valkyrie (4) Faiz 56.5, 4. Fire Bolt (6) Dhanu S 56, 5. Armament (8) Abhishek Matre 55.5, 6. Halchemeny (1) M. Rajesh K 55.5, 7. Tower Quest (10) Kiran Rai 55.5, 8. Code Of Honour (7) M. Prabhakaran 55, 9. Queen Of Comebaks (11) R. Shiva K 55, 10. D Golden Cup (3) Jagadeesh 54.5, 11. N R I Millennium (9) Darshan 54.5 and 12. Ankush (5) Angad 52.5.
1. TOWER QUEST, 2. FIRE BOLT, 3. N R I MILLENNIUM

3 STAR OF MYSORE TROPHY (1,400m), rated 40 to 65, 3-00: 1. Mystic Bond (10) Dhanu S 62.5, 2. Nevada Gold (1) G. Vivek 62.5, 3. Divine Ray (2) Sai Kiran 62, 4. His Eminence (9) Gautam Raj 60, 5. Wellington (12) R. Shiva K 57.5, 6. Heroism (14) Faiz 56.5, 7. Indian Patriot (4) Salman Khan 56.5, 8. Eagle Bluff (5) Md. Sameer 55.5, 9. Tarek (8) M. Prabhakaran 55.5, 10. Raise A Buck (7) Antony 54.5, 11. Marzgovel (13) Madhu Sudhan 54, 12. Socrates (3) Angad 53, 13. First Impression (6) M. Rajesh K 50 and 14. The Republic Power (11) S. Imran 50.
1. RAISE A BUCK, 2. SOCRATES, 3. NEVADA GOLD

4 H.H. SRI JAYACHAMARAJA WADIYAR MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 80 & above, 3-30: 1. Knight In Hooves (6) S. Brahmmesh 67, 2. Polished Girl (1) Suraj 61, 3. O Hansini (4) Antony 60.5, 4. Dun It Again (2) Faiz 57, 5. Segera (3) Angad 56, 6. Havelock Cruise (7) Shreyas S 51.5 and 7. Vijaya Falcon (5) Sai Kiran 50.5.
1. POLISHED GIRL, 2. SEGERA, 3. O HANSINI

5 SRIKANTADATTA NARASIMHARAAJAWADIYAR MEMORIAL MULTI MILLION (1,400m), 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4-00: 1. Royal Defender (3) Antony 57, 2. Casteel (1) Suraj 52, 3. Channigaraya (2) G. Vivek 52 and 4. Del Aviz (4) Akshay K 50.5.
1. CASTEEL, 2. DEL AVIZ

6 B.K. KRISHNADEVARAJ URS MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 5-y-o & over, 4-30: 1. Terminator (6) S. Brahmmesh 60, 2. Macron (4) Darshan 59, 3. Perfect Perfecto (9) R. Shiva K 59, 4. Blue Origin (5) Rayan 58.5, 5. Hasting Sunrise (3) Jagadeesh 54.5, 6. Jewel Thief (10) Kiran Rai 54.5, 7. Trump Baby (11) Ayaz Khan 54, 8. Southern Force (12) Akshay K 53, 9. Twilight Fame (7) Angad 53, 10. Free To Play (2) Antony 52, 11. Furious Fun (1) Dhanu S 51 and 12. Analect (8) M. Rajesh K 50.
1. FREE TO PLAY, 2. MACRON, 3. SOUTHERN FORCE

7 VARADA PLATE (DIV. I), (1,100m), rated 20 to 45, 5-00: 1. Spiritual Force (3) Koshi K 62.5, 2. Drisana (11) Abhishek Matre 61.5, 3. Perfect Justice (6) Kiran Rai 61.5, 4. Absolute Kesari (7) P. Ajeet K 60, 5. Ineffable (1) S. Brahmmesh 60, 6. Worldly Wise (9) Rahil Akhtar 60, 7. Gilded Butterfly (2) Md. Mushraf 59.5, 8. Sira (8) Akshay K 59, 9. Sergeant Reckless (4) Faiz 57.5, 10. Country Magic (5) K. Rajesh 56, 11. Nevershow Weakness (12) Madhu Sudhan 55 and 12. Shadow'Saim (10) M. Rajesh K 55.
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